

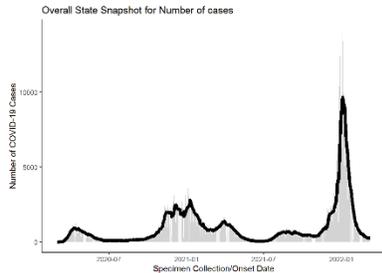
COVID-19 Update March 17, 2022

As of **March 16, 2022**, the total of laboratory-confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported among Connecticut residents is **731,532**, including **655,617** laboratory-confirmed and **75,915** probable cases. **One hundred** patients are currently hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19; of these, **43** (43%) are not fully vaccinated. There have been **10,677** COVID-19-associated deaths.

Overall Summary	Total*	Change Since Yesterday
COVID-19 Cases (confirmed and probable)	731,532	+404
COVID-19 Tests Reported (molecular and antigen)	15,357,505	+16,807
Daily Test Positivity*		2.4%
Patients Currently Hospitalized with COVID-19	100	+2
	Total	Change since 03/10/2022
COVID-19-Associated Deaths	10,677	+62

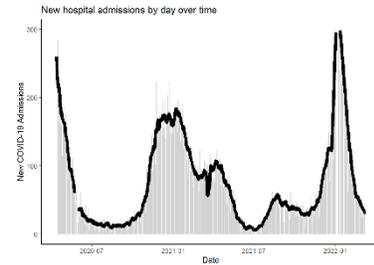
* Includes confirmed and probable cases

Cases



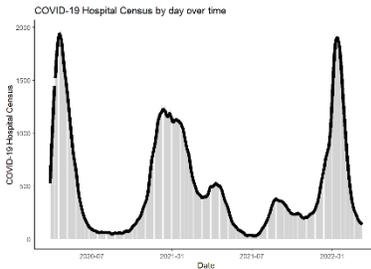
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Hospitalizations



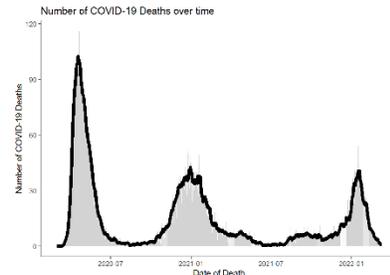
Total Hospitalizations: 56,143

Hospital Census



Hospital Census: 3/16/2022: 100

Deaths



Total Deaths: 10,677

COVID-19 Cases and Associated Deaths by County of Residence As of 03/16/22.

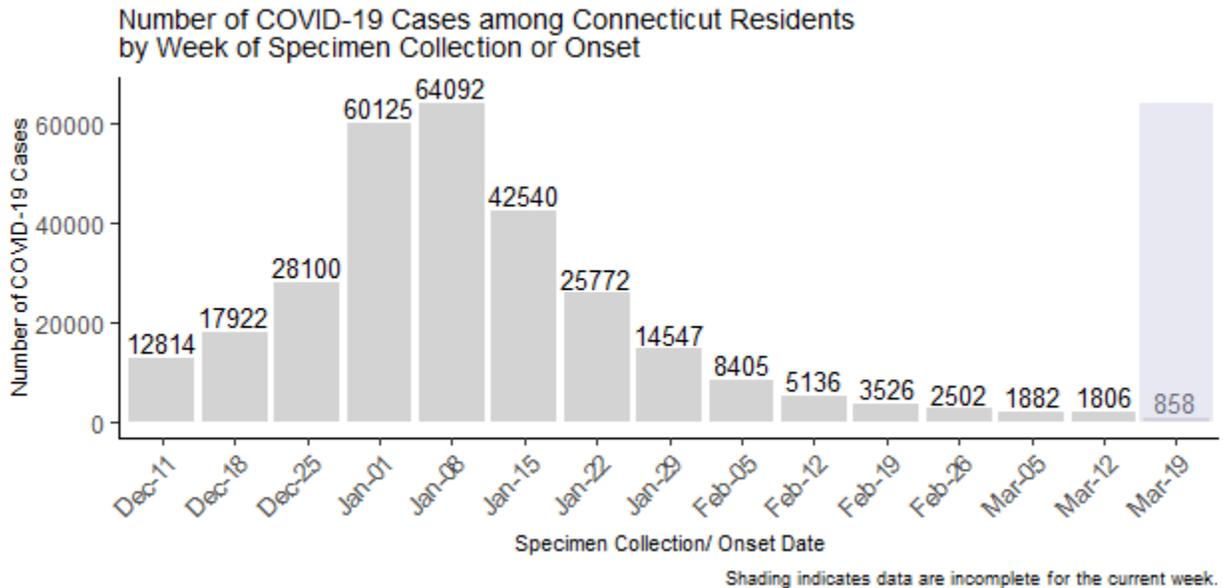
County	COVID-19 Cases		COVID-19-Associated Deaths	
	Confirmed	Probable	Confirmed	Probable
Fairfield County	178,129	22,274	2,162	511
Hartford County	159,415	16,156	2,527	565
Litchfield County	27,203	4,233	390	63
Middlesex County	25,199	2,533	340	136
New Haven County	171,288	22,292	2,400	373
New London County	49,661	4,547	500	140
Tolland County	18,254	2,016	194	72
Windham County	24,017	1,475	235	61
Pending address validation	2,451	389	2	6
Total	655617	75915	8750	1927

[National COVID-19 statistics](#) and information about [preventing spread of COVID-19](#) are available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

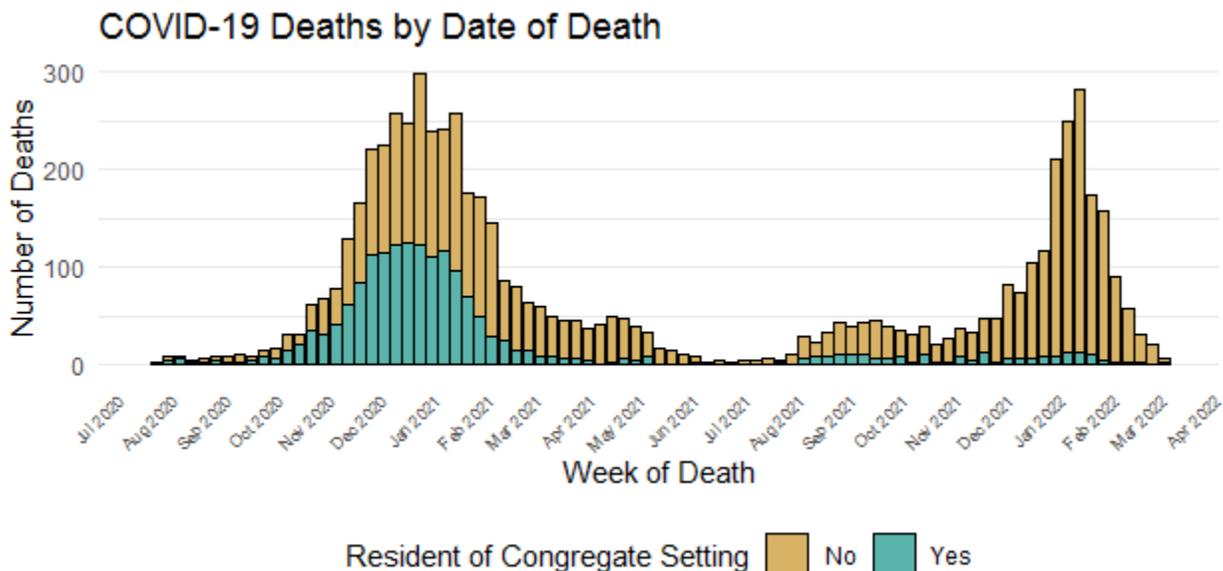
Day-to-day changes reflect newly reported cases, deaths, and tests that occurred over the last several days to week. All data in this report are preliminary; data for previous dates will be updated as new reports are received and data errors are corrected. Hospitalization data were collected by the Connecticut Hospital Association. Deaths reported to either OCME or DPH are included in the daily COVID-19 update.

COVID-19 Cases and Deaths Over Time

The chart below shows the number of new COVID-19 cases reported to CT DPH by week of specimen collection or onset of illness. Case data includes probable cases based on positive antigen test results. During the past two weeks (February 27 - March 12), there were 3,688 new COVID-19 cases, including cases among people residing in the community and congregate settings, such as nursing homes, managed residential communities, and correctional facilities.



The graph below shows the number of COVID-19 associated deaths since August 1, 2020 by week of death and whether the person was residing in a congregate setting, such as a nursing home, managed residential community, or correctional facility.

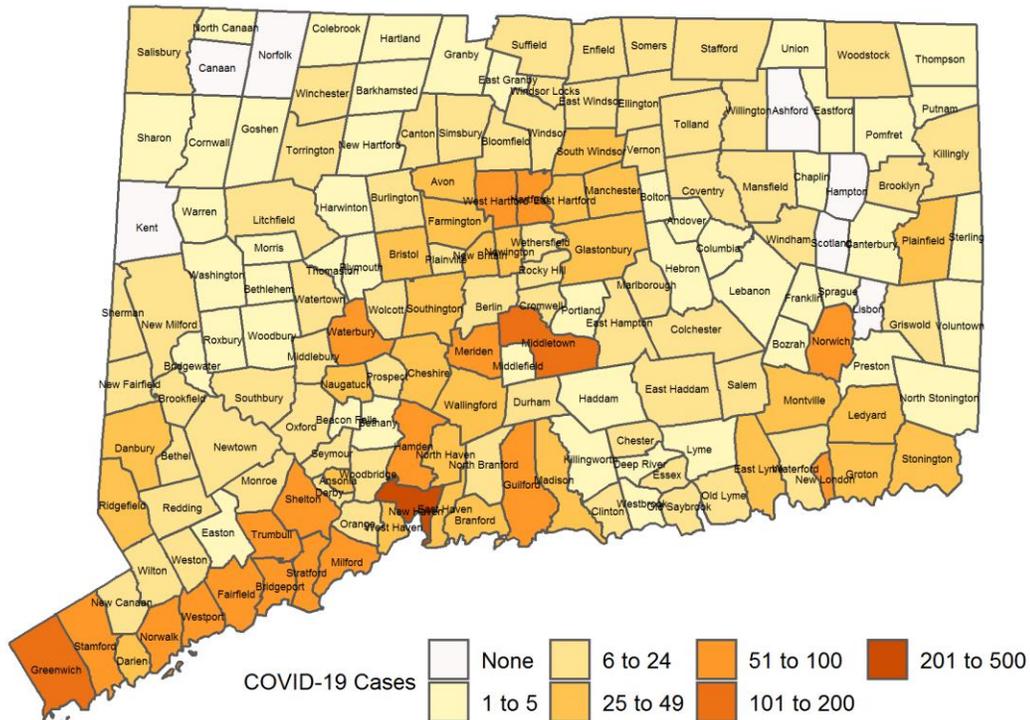


Community Transmission of COVID-19

Among 3,688 new COVID-19 cases with specimen collection or onset date during February 27 - March 12, there were 3,682 cases among people living in community settings, as shown in the map below. This corresponds to an average of 7.38 new COVID-19 cases per day per 100,000 population. Cases among people residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and correctional facilities are excluded. Darker colors indicate towns with more cases.

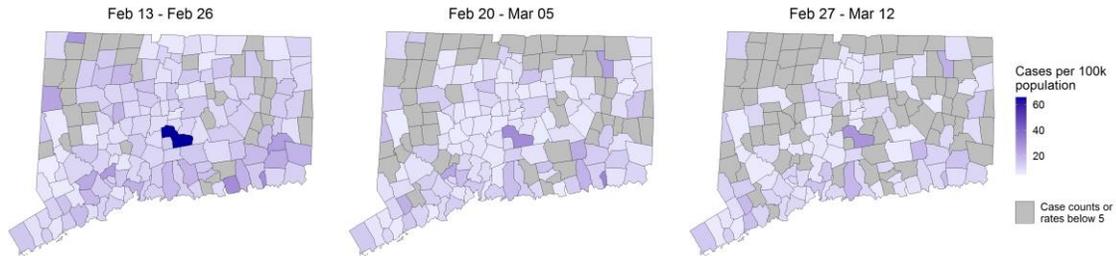
During this two-week period, there were more than 100 new COVID-19 cases in 3 towns.

Number of COVID-19 Cases among People Living in Community Settings by Town with Specimen Collection or Onset Date During February 27 - March 12



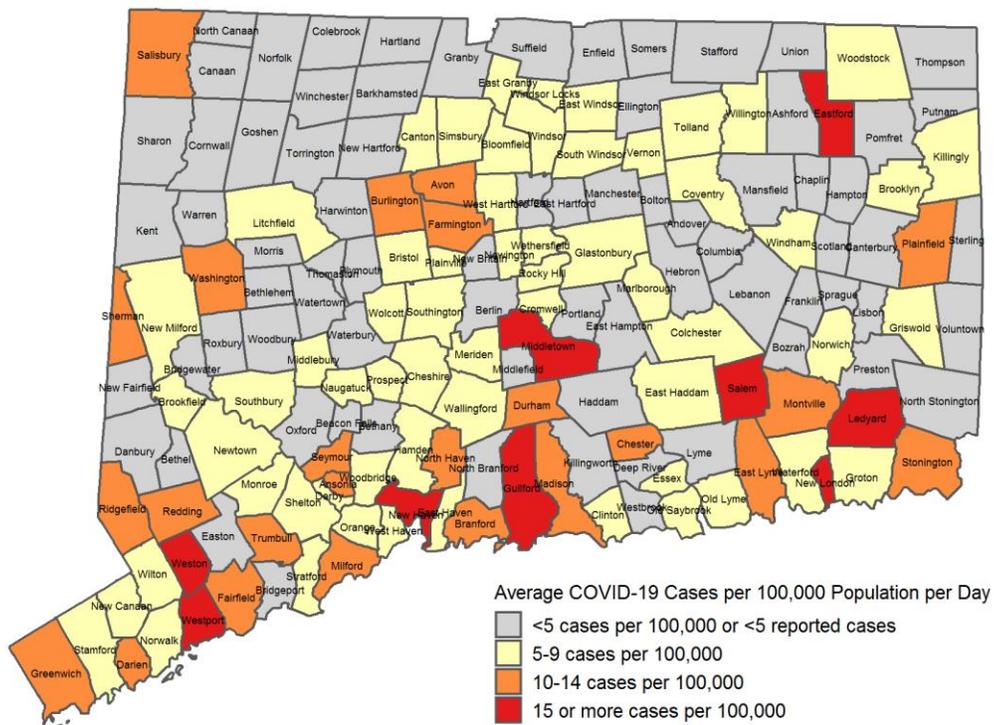
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Because towns with larger populations are likely to have more cases, it is also important to look at the number of new cases per 100,000 population. The maps below show the average number of new cases per 100,000 population per day, with darker colors indicating higher rates. Cases among people residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and correctional facilities are excluded.



Among towns with at least 5 new cases during February 27 - March 12, 9 towns had an average rate of 15 or more cases per 100,000 population per day, shown in red in the map below.

Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases among People Living in Community Settings per 100,000 Population by Town with Specimen Collection or Onset Date During February 27 - March 12



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Epidemiology of COVID-19 by Vaccine Status

Methodology

To determine cases of COVID-19 among fully vaccinated persons or among those who have received an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine, DPH matches COVID-19 case data with the vaccine registry to determine which cases meet the definition of being fully vaccinated or having received an additional dose and which are also vaccine breakthrough cases.

- A case of COVID-19 in a fully vaccinated person (e.g., vaccine breakthrough case) is defined as a person who has a positive PCR/NAAT or antigen test in a respiratory specimen collected ≥ 14 days after completing the final dose of an FDA-authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine series and who did not have a previously positive COVID-19 test < 90 days prior to the positive test currently under investigation.
- A case of COVID-19 in a fully vaccinated person who has received an additional dose is defined as a person who has a positive PCR/NAAT or antigen test in a respiratory specimen collected ≥ 14 days after receiving an additional dose of any COVID-19 vaccine and who did not have a previously positive COVID-19 test < 90 days prior to the positive test currently under investigation.

All data presented below are preliminary and subject to change.

Data

The table below shows new COVID-19 cases for the last two complete weeks (Sun-Sat) February 27, 2022 - March 12, 2022 by vaccination status. The percentage of cases among fully vaccinated individuals is influenced by the high proportion of the population that is eligible for and has completed a vaccine series, and should be considered in light of the overall proportion of vaccinated individuals who have contracted the virus.

Status	Case Count	Percent
New Cases	3,500	
Not Fully Vaccinated	1,264	36.1
Fully Vaccinated	2,236	63.9

As of **March 16, 2022**, 175,490 cases of COVID-19 among fully vaccinated persons in Connecticut have been identified. Those 175,490 cases account for 6.53 percent of the 2,687,029 persons who are fully vaccinated.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, 556,042 cases have been identified among individuals who are not fully vaccinated.

Eight hundred thirteen COVID-19 related deaths have occurred among the 175,490 fully vaccinated persons confirmed with COVID-19.

The table below shows cases and deaths among fully vaccinated persons, and among persons who have received an additional dose, by age group. As shown below, persons who have received an additional dose are a subset of those cases that are fully vaccinated.

Cases and Deaths Among Fully Vaccinated Persons and Persons with Additional Doses by Age Group

Age groups	# (%) Cases	# (%) Additional Dose Cases	# (%) Deaths	# (%) Additional Dose Deaths
5-11	3,591 (2%)	1 (0%)		
12-15	7,372 (4.2%)	74 (0.2%)		
16-24	25,125 (14.3%)	3,034 (8.2%)	2 (0.2%)	
25-34	29,891 (17%)	4,693 (12.7%)	3 (0.4%)	
35-44	30,652 (17.5%)	6,324 (17%)	7 (0.9%)	
45-54	28,918 (16.5%)	6,428 (17.3%)	20 (2.5%)	5 (3.2%)
55-64	26,383 (15%)	7,304 (19.7%)	100 (12.3%)	15 (9.7%)
65-74	13,448 (7.7%)	5,365 (14.5%)	134 (16.5%)	26 (16.8%)
75+	10,110 (5.8%)	3,875 (10.4%)	547 (67.3%)	109 (70.3%)
Total	175,490	37,098	813	155

The risk of being infected, hospitalized or dying is higher when there is more virus spreading from person to person. Risk is decreased by becoming vaccinated against COVID-19 and decreased further by receiving an additional dose of vaccine. The figures below show that rates of infection, hospitalization, and death, are highest among those who are not fully vaccinated. The figures also show relative risk (RR) which is the difference in risk when comparing rates between those who have received an additional dose of vaccine and those who are not fully vaccinated. When the relative risk is InfX, it means the risk was only for not fully vaccinated persons, since no deaths were reported among persons who have received an additional dose that week.

The figures below are age standardized. The process of age-standardization allows for comparison of rates between groups when the age distributions of the two groups (e.g., fully vaccinated with an additional dose and not fully vaccinated) are different. The group defined as 'additional dose' in the figures below excludes those defined as 'fully vaccinated'. The 2019 CT state population was used for age-adjustment purposes.

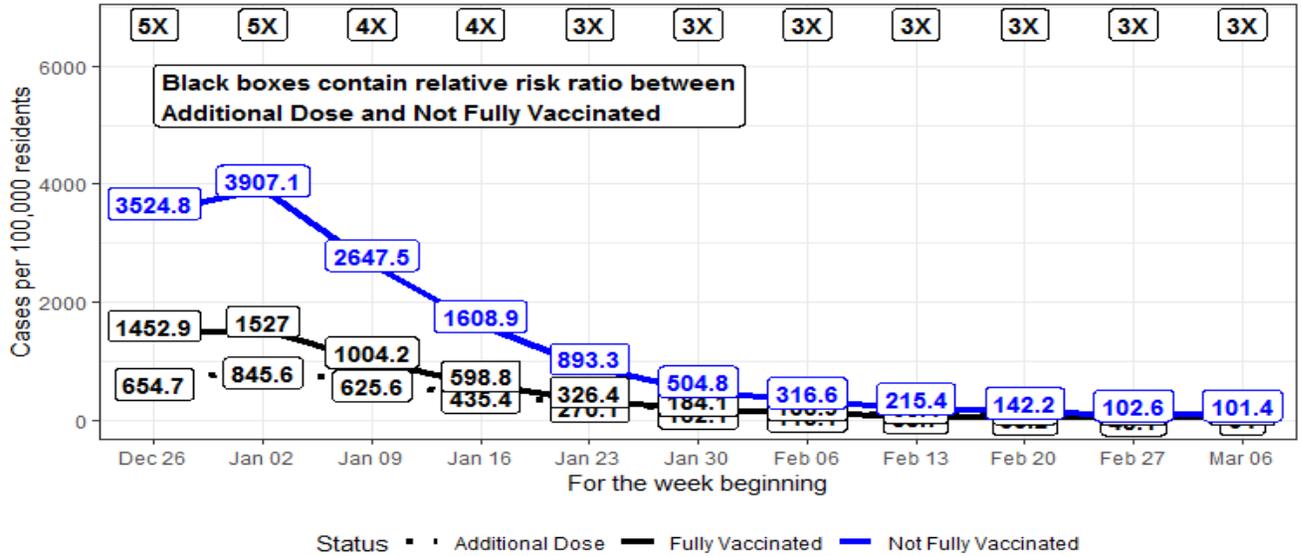
Compared to having received an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine, being not fully vaccinated currently has the following relative risk:

- 3 Times higher risk of being infected with COVID-19
- 16 Times higher risk of dying from COVID-19
- 8 Times higher risk of being hospitalized with COVID-19

COVID-19 Cases

Age Standardized Weekly Incidence Rates

By Vaccination Status -- As of March 16, 2022

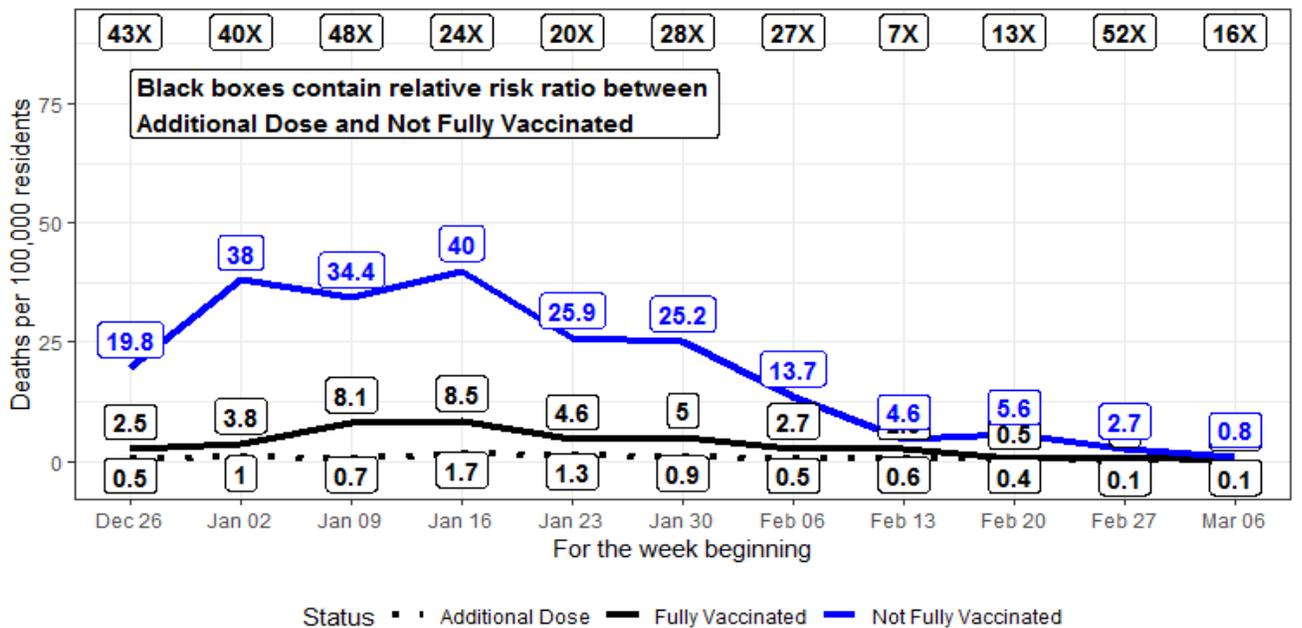


Using population >= 12 years old

COVID-19 Deaths

Age Standardized Weekly Mortality Rates

By Vaccination Status -- As of March 16, 2022

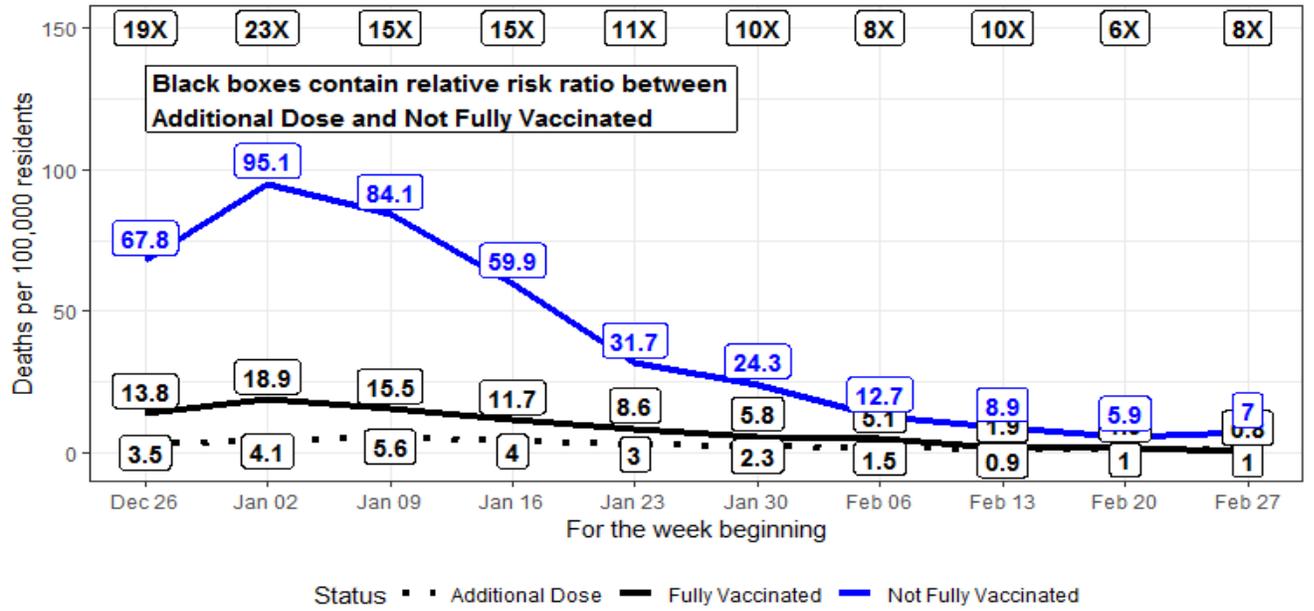


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COVID-19 Hospitalizations

Age Standardized Weekly Hospitalization Rates

By Vaccination Status -- As of March 16, 2022



Using population >= 12 years old

SARS-CoV-2 Variant Surveillance

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have identified three types of SARS-CoV-2 variants: variants of concern, variants being monitored, and variants of high consequence. The definitions for the three different variant categories and substitutions of therapeutic concern can be found here: [SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern | CDC](#).

Different terminology has been developed by international scientists for naming SARS-CoV-2 variants. Recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) developed new labels for describing these variants to the public. Below, the WHO label are listed for each variant described.

Below are data on variants of concern and variants being monitored identified among Connecticut residents. No variants of high consequence have been defined by CDC to date.

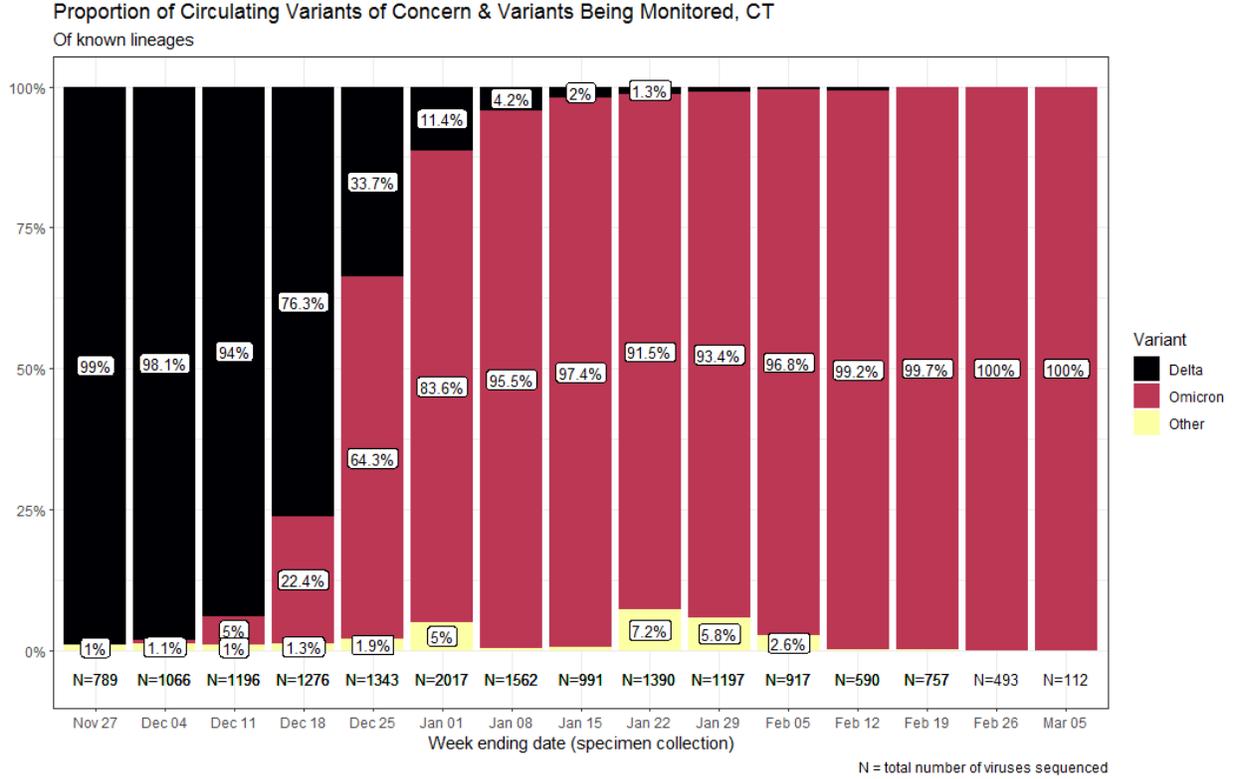
Data presented are now based on variant data reported directly to DPH instead of to the GISAID Initiative and only include data since January 2021-present.

Data below represent sequences that have been reported to DPH as of 03/16/2022 with specimen collection dates between 01/12/2021 and 03/07/2022. **The total number of SARS-CoV-2 sequences reported to DPH with a valid specimen collection date is 31,854.** Data are preliminary and updated as new data are received.

Variant	Number	Percentage
Variants of Concern		
Delta	16,282	51.11
Omicron	10,593	33.25
Variants Being Monitored		
Alpha	2,525	7.93
Beta	23	0.07
Gamma	137	0.43
Epsilon	60	0.19
Zeta	1	0.00
Eta	10	0.03
Iota	718	2.25
Kappa	2	0.01
B.1.617.3	0	0.00
Mu	84	0.26

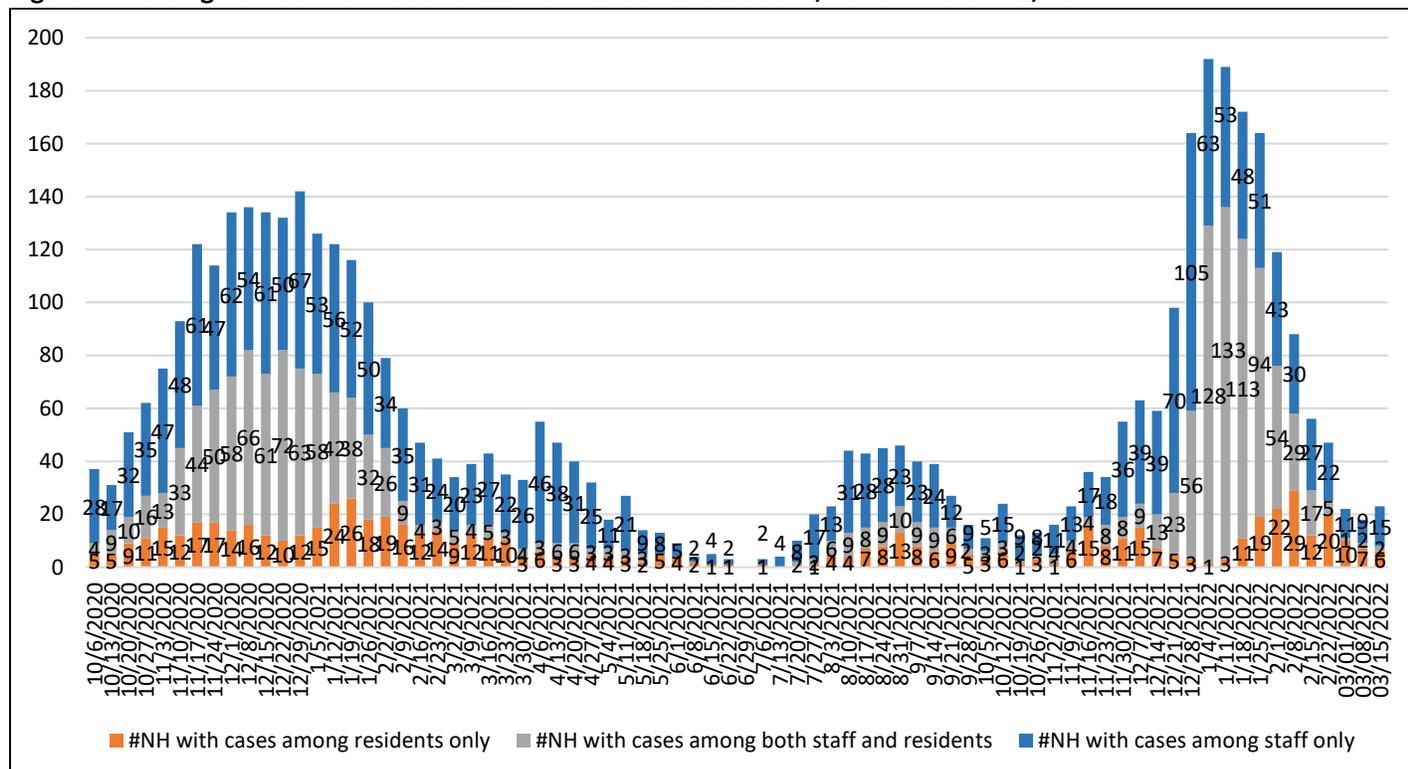
SARS-CoV-2 Variant Surveillance, continued

The plot below, based on data reported to DPH through March 16, 2022, shows the change in proportion of circulating variants of concern by week. Data include sequences from specimens with dates of collection from 11/21/2021–03/05/2022.



Connecticut nursing homes are required by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to report on the impact of COVID-19 on their residents and staff through CDC’s National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). CT DPH uses data submitted to NHSN to produce a weekly nursing home report to depict recent COVID-19 activity in nursing homes. The following graph and table provide a quick overview of COVID-19 in CT nursing homes. For the complete DPH nursing home report, please see [Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facilities Data](#).

Figure 1. Nursing Homes with Positive Staff or Residents October 6, 2020 – March 15, 2022^{1,2,3}



¹ For more detailed information on COVID-19 reporting and NHSN, please see [here](#).

² Similar to DPH, CMS makes COVID-19 nursing home data, including vaccination rates, publicly available. Please see [CMS' COVID-19 Nursing Home Data website](#).

³19 facilities did not report for this week, as of March 17, 2022.

Table 1: Statewide COVID-19 Vaccination coverage among nursing home residents and staff from NHSN^{1,2}

	Statewide COVID-19 Vaccination Rate Data as of March 6, 2022	
	Resident Vaccination Rates N= 204 homes	Staff Vaccination Rates N= 204 homes
Average Vaccination Rate	93%	97%
Median Vaccination Rate	94%	98%
Range of Vaccination Rates	77-100%	82-100%
% of the reporting nursing homes with vaccination rate ≥ 90%	81%	96%

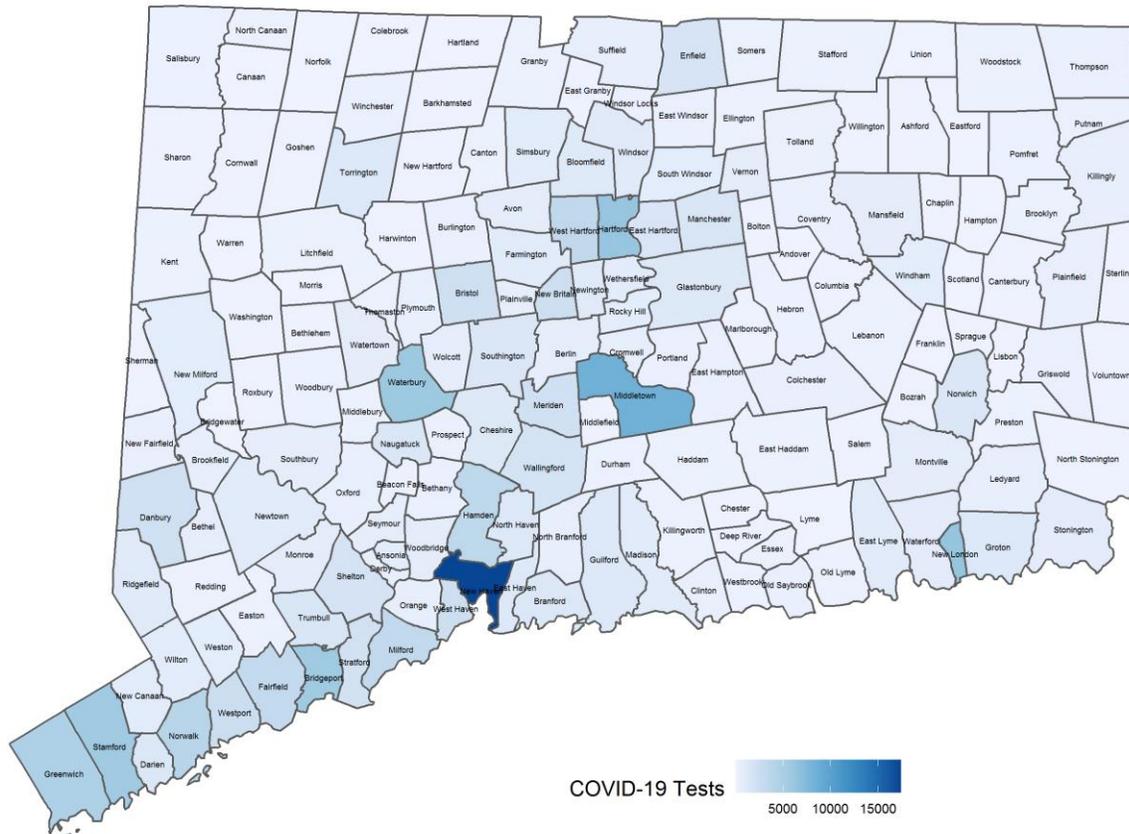
¹ NHSN vaccine reporting instructions for nursing homes can be found [here](#).

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COVID-19 Molecular and Antigen Tests during February 27, 2022 - March 12, 2022

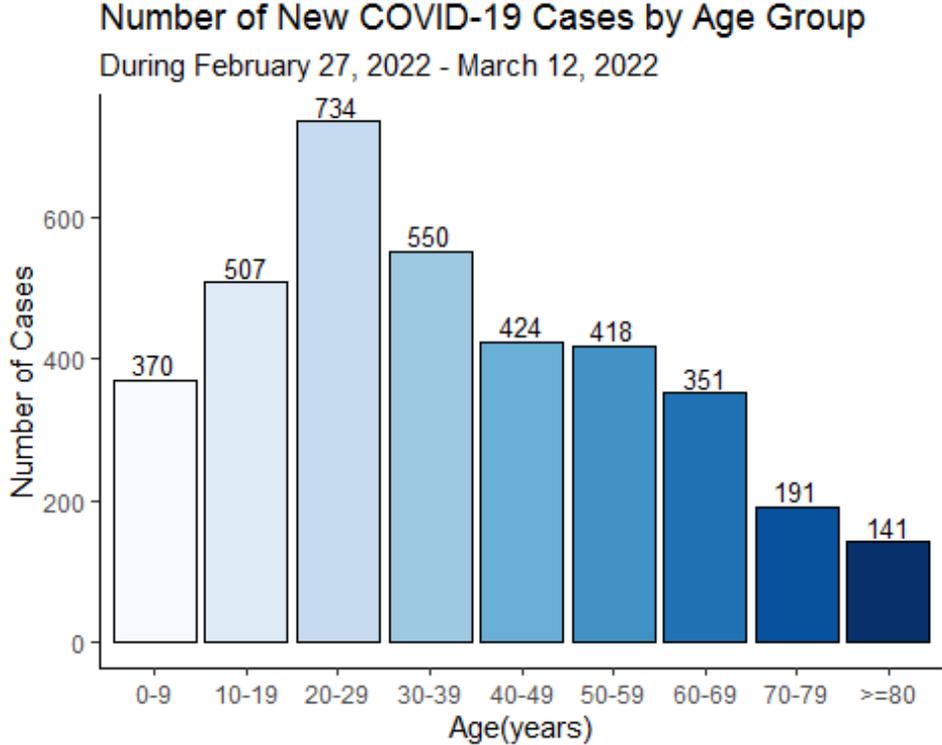
Among 174,189 molecular and antigen tests for COVID-19 with specimen collection date during February 27, 2022 - March 12, 2022, 169,280 (97%) tests were conducted among people who did not reside in congregate settings (including nursing homes, assisted living, and correctional facilities). Of these 169,280 tests, 4,635 (3%) were positive. The map below shows the number of molecular and antigen COVID-19 tests by town with specimen collection date during February 27, 2022 - March 12, 2022 that were conducted among community residents.

Number of Molecular and Antigen Tests for COVID-19 among People Living in Community Settings by Town with Specimen Collection Date During February 27 - March 12



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**Age Distribution of COVID-19 Cases with Specimen Collection or Onset
During February 27, 2022 - March 12, 2022**



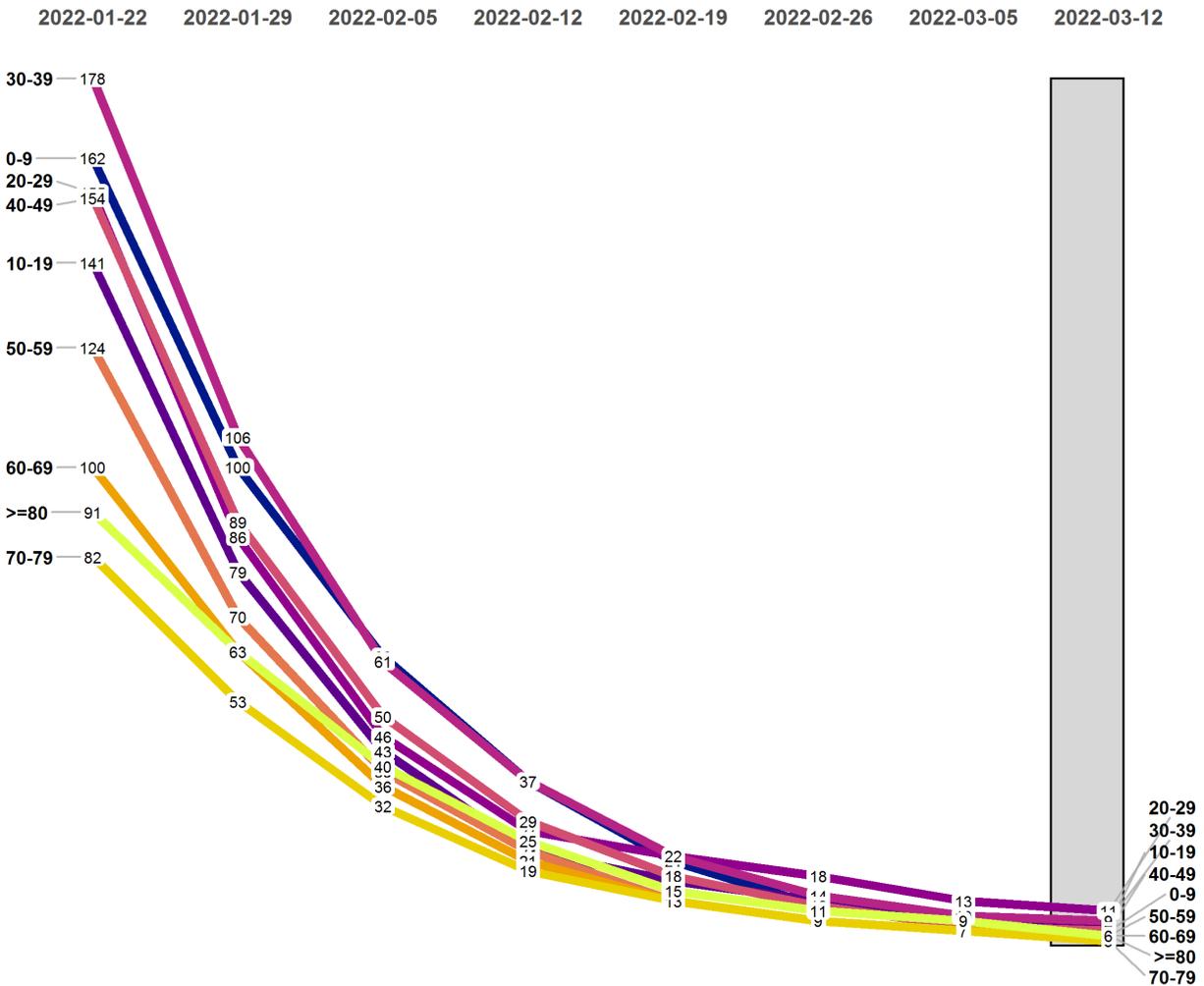
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Average Daily Incidence by Age Group

The chart below shows the average number of new COVID-19 cases per day per 100,000 population by age group. The rates in this chart are calculated by averaging the number of new cases diagnosed each day during the previous two weeks, dividing by the annual population in each age group, and then multiplying by 100,000.

Average daily rate of COVID-19 cases by age group

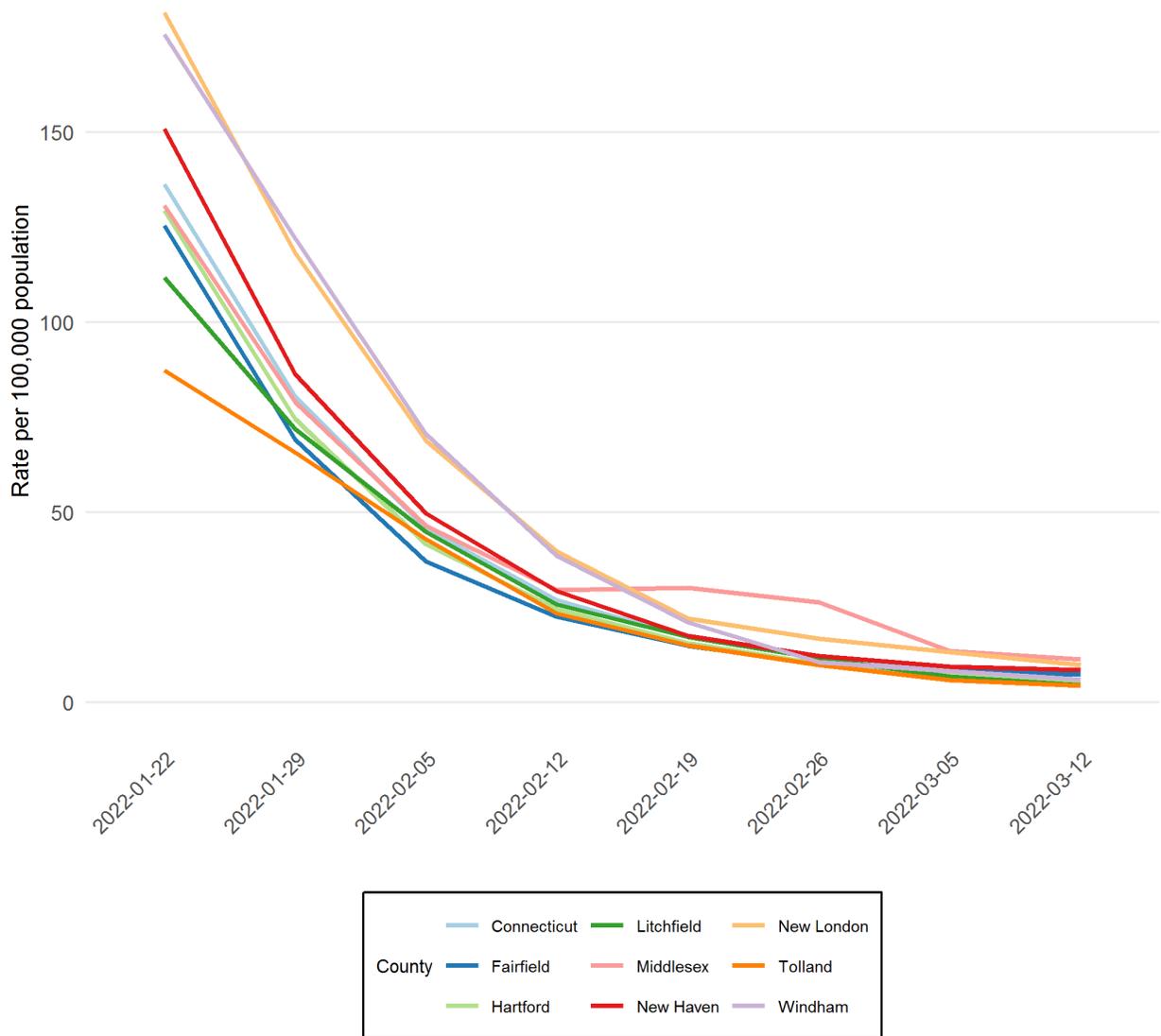
As of 03/16/2022



Average Daily Incidence by County

The chart below shows the average number of new COVID-19 cases per day per 100,000 population in the state of Connecticut and for each Connecticut county. The rates in this chart are calculated by averaging the number of new cases diagnosed each day during the previous two weeks, dividing by the annual estimated population, and then multiplying by 100,000.

Average daily rates of COVID-19 cases by county
As of 03/16/2022

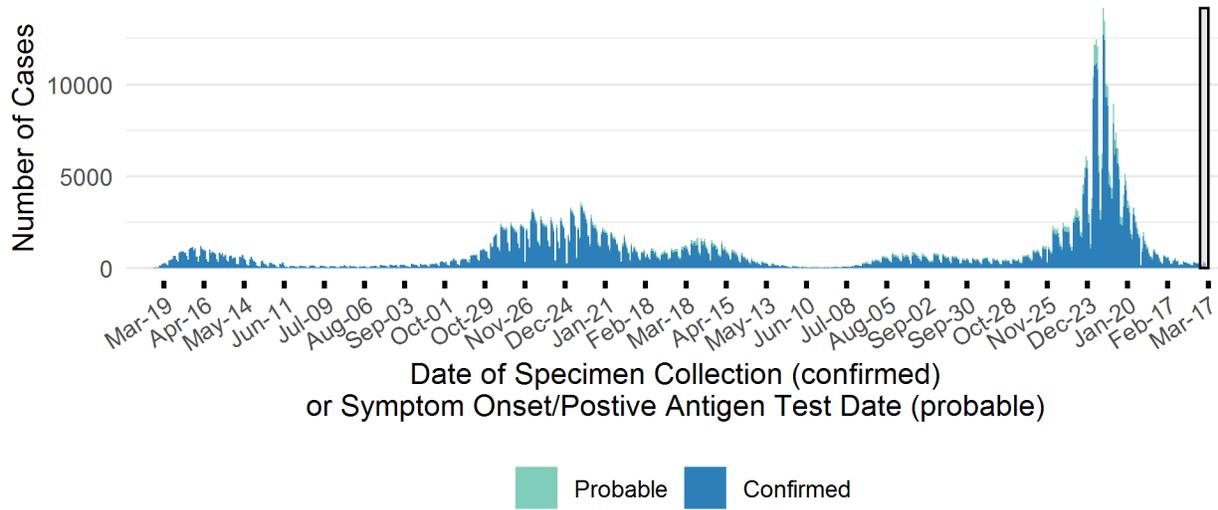


Cumulative Number of COVID-19 Cases and COVID-19-Associated Deaths by Date

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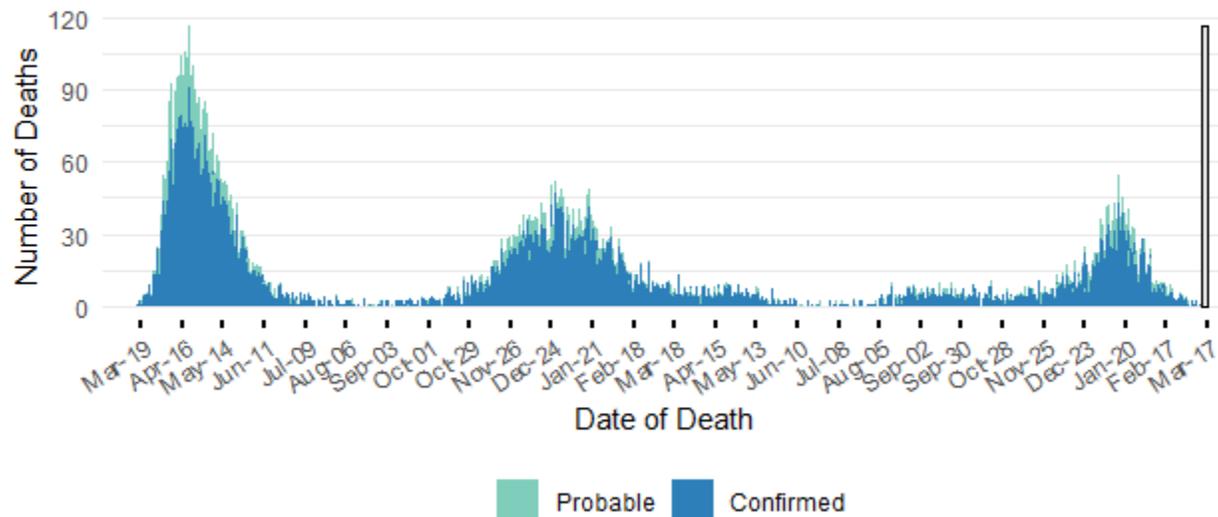
Number of Confirmed and Probable COVID-19 Cases by Date

As of 03/16/2022



Number of COVID-19-Associated Deaths by Date of Death

As of 03/16/2022

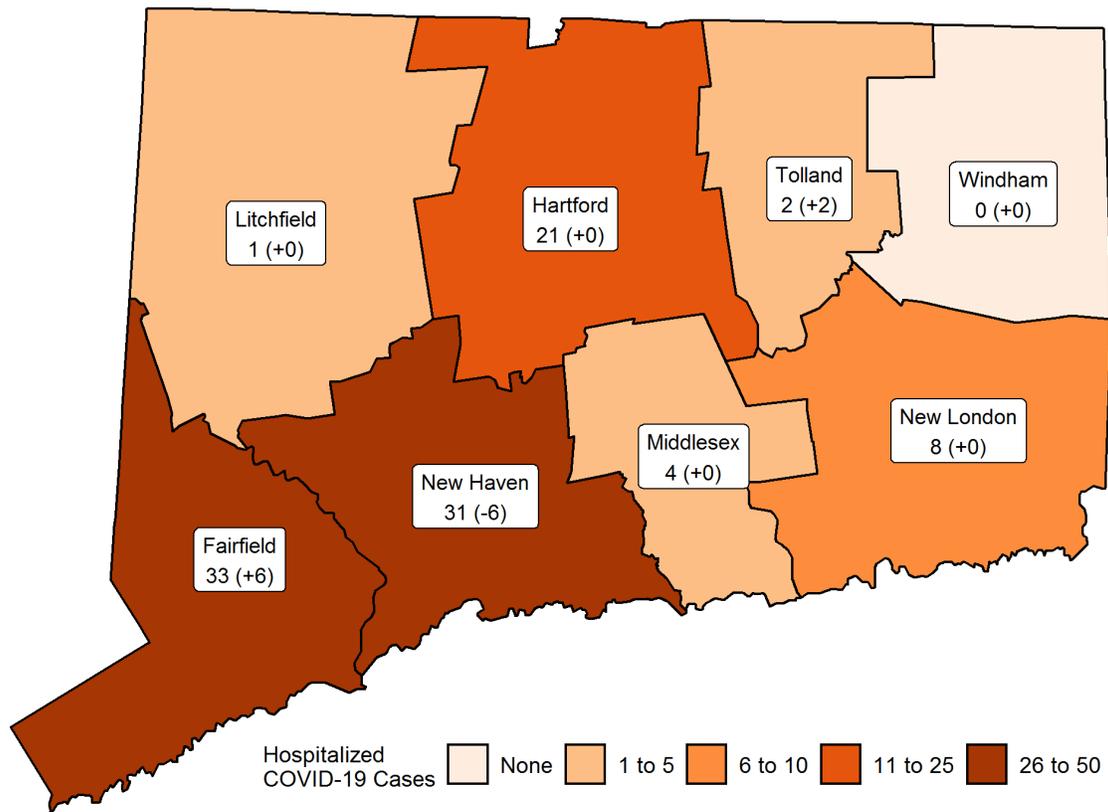


Hospitalization Surveillance

The map below shows the number of patients currently hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 by county based on data collected by the Connecticut Hospital Association. The distribution is by location of hospital, not patient residence. The labels indicate the number of patients currently hospitalized with the change since yesterday in parentheses.

Patients Currently Hospitalized by Connecticut County

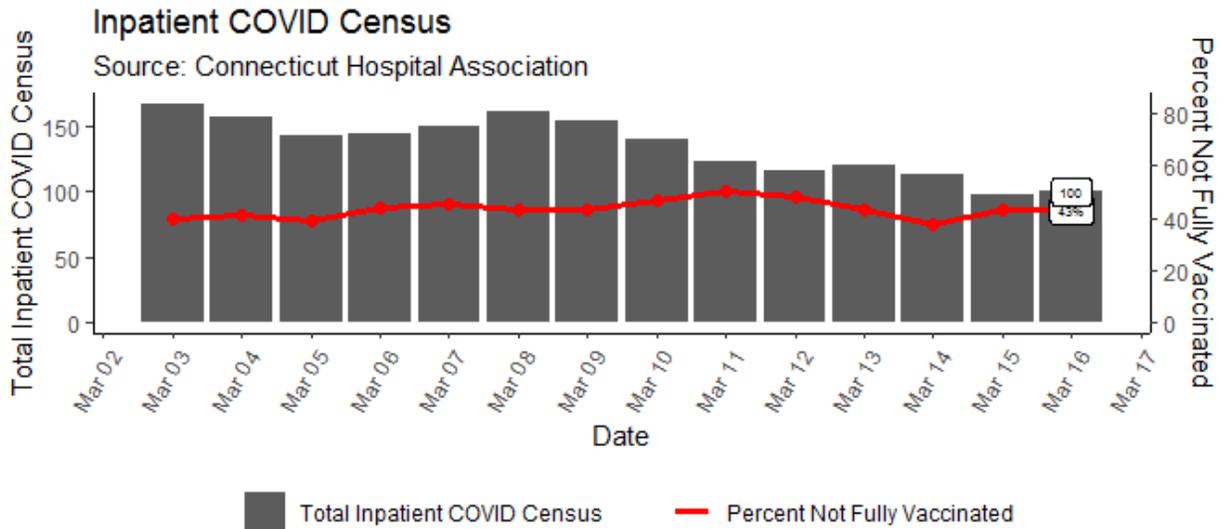
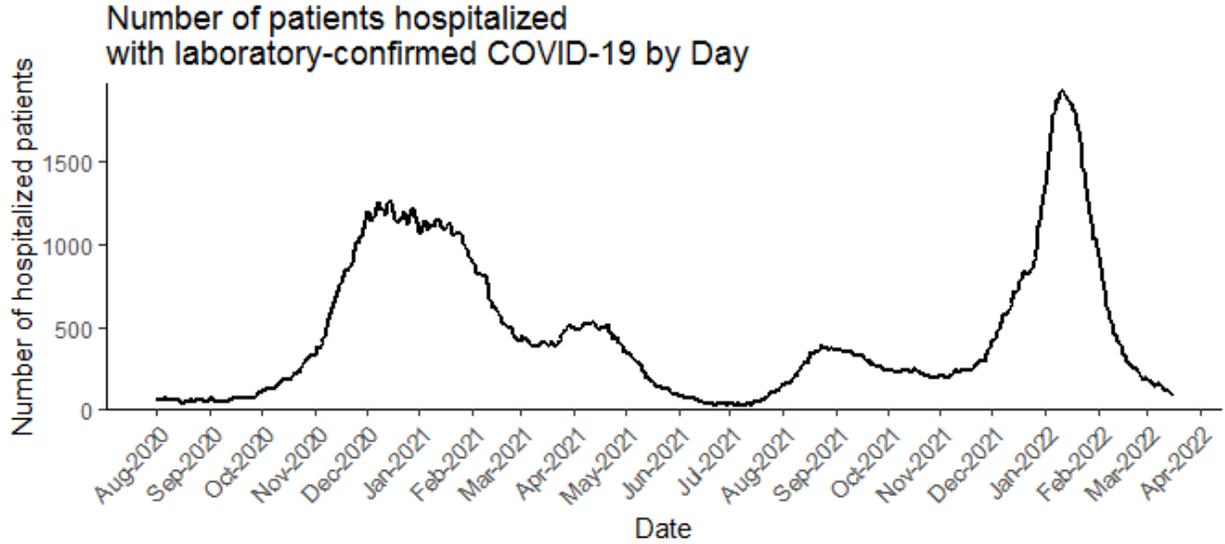
Distribution by location of hospital not patient residence. Data from the Connecticut Hospital Association.



More information about hospitalized cases of COVID-19 in New Haven and Middlesex Counties is available from [COVID-NET](#).

COVID-19 Hospital Census in Connecticut

The chart below shows the COVID-19 hospital census, which is the number of patients currently hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 on each day. Data were collected by the Connecticut Hospital Association and are shown since August 1, 2020

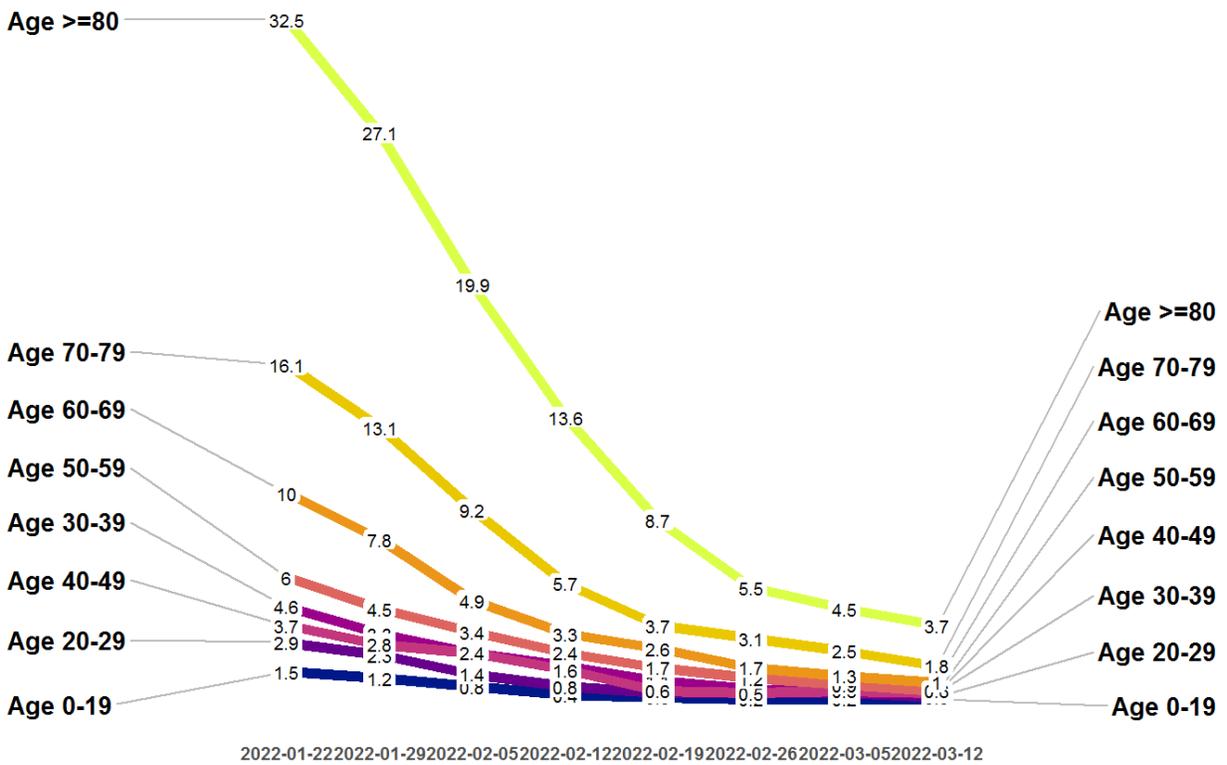


COVID-19 Admissions

The chart below shows the average daily rate of hospital admissions with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 by age group. The data used to create this plot were gathered from HHS Protect. More information on [HHS Protect data can be found here](#).

Average daily COVID-19 hospital admission rate per 100,000, Connecticut

Data from HHS Protect



Child Care- Associated Case Surveillance

The table below shows the number of cases among child care attendees and staff reported to the Department of Public Health (DPH). Licensed child care centers are required to report cases of COVID-19 among attendees and staff to the DPH and the local health department. There are 1,388 licensed child care centers and group child care homes in Connecticut that serve approximately 50,000 children. Beginning the week of January 9th, reporting transitioned from individual case reporting to aggregate reporting of cases among attendees and staff. The form for collecting aggregate data from child care centers can be found [here](#).

Data are preliminary and, like other passive surveillance systems, under reporting occurs and the true incidence of disease is more than the number of cases reported. Data from previous weeks are updated as new data are received. Several weeks of data from the new reporting system will be needed to determine trends.

Number of Reported Child Care-Associated Cases Statewide

Overall Summary	Child Care Centers Reporting	COVID-19 Cases: Children Attendees	COVID-19 Cases: Staff
1/9/2022 - 1/15/2022	330	937	339
1/16/2022 - 1/22/2022	383	1209	384
1/23/2022 - 1/29/2022	273	751	213
1/30/2022 - 2/5/2022	160	339	66
2/6/2022 - 2/12/2022	145	266	79
2/13/2022 - 2/19/2022	78	119	37
2/20/2022 - 2/26/2022	48	68	16
2/27/2022 - 3/5/2022	39	48	18
3/6/2022 – 3/12/2022	31	40	9

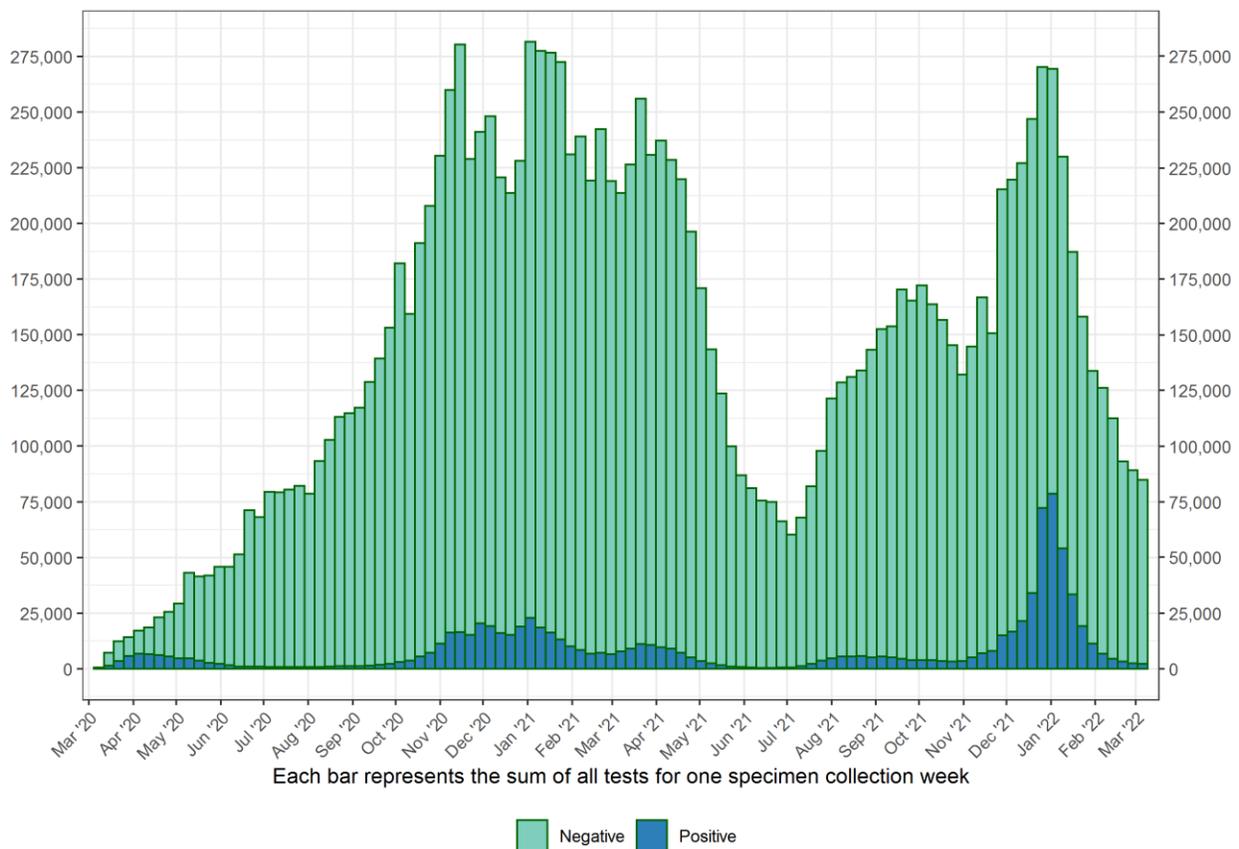
Laboratory Surveillance

Molecular Tests

To date, DPH has received reports on a total of 13,595,754 molecular COVID-19 laboratory tests; of these 13,444,148 test results were received via electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) methods from commercial laboratories, hospital laboratories, and the Dr. Katherine A. Kelley State Public Health Laboratory. The chart below shows the number of tests reported via ELR by date of specimen collection and test result.

Test results may be reported several days after specimen collection. Data are incomplete for most recent dates shaded in grey. Data for previous dates are routinely updated.

Number of Molecular Laboratory Tests for COVID-19 Reported via ELR
Weekly test total by Specimen Collection Date
As of March 16, 2022



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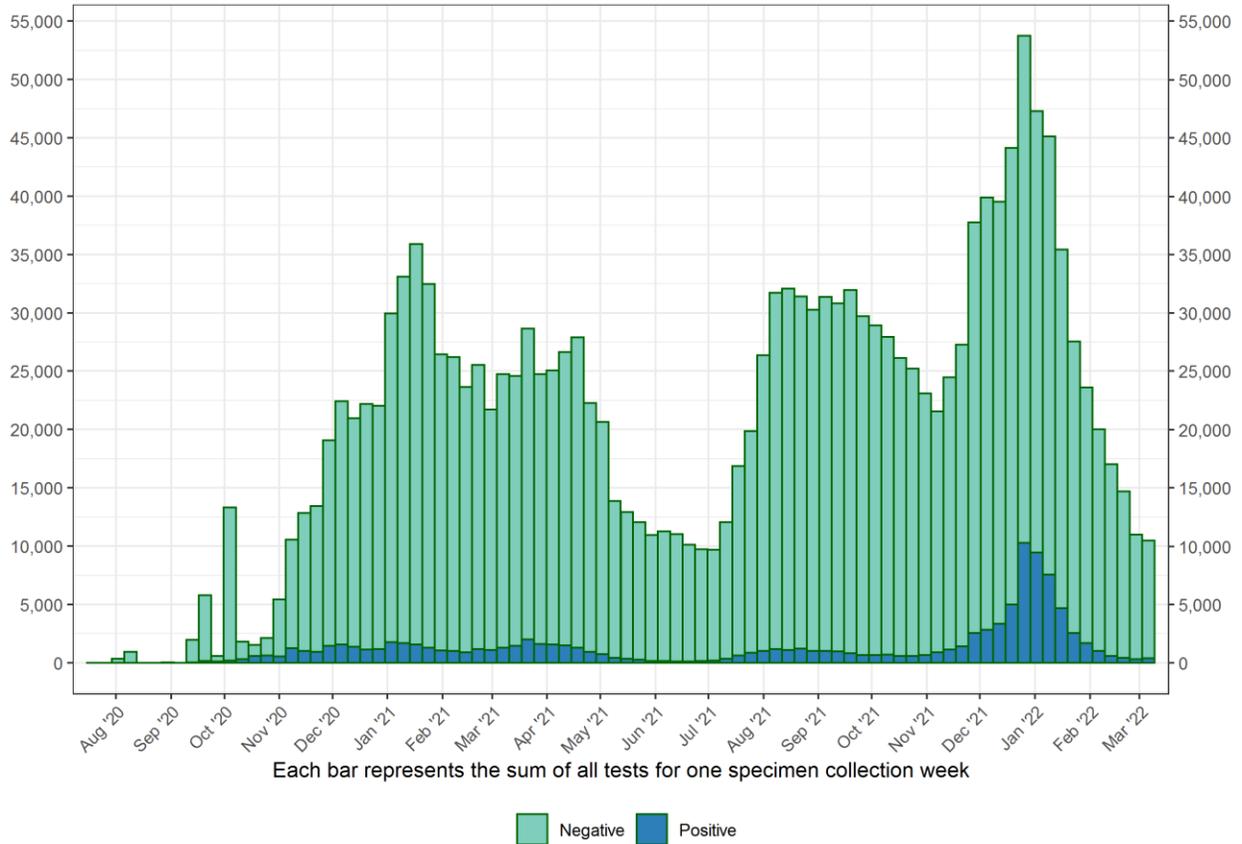
ELR = Electronic Laboratory Reporting

Antigen Tests

To date, DPH has received reports on a total of 1,761,751 COVID-19 antigen laboratory tests. The chart below shows the number of antigen tests reported to DPH by specimen collection date and test result.

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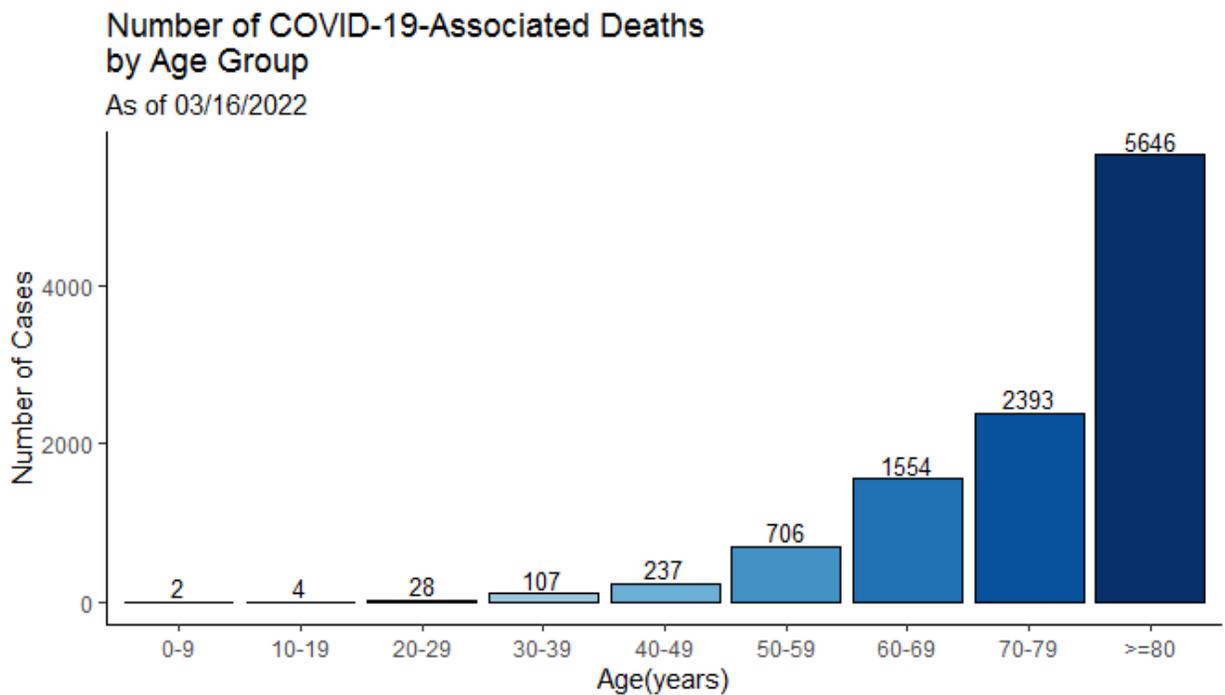
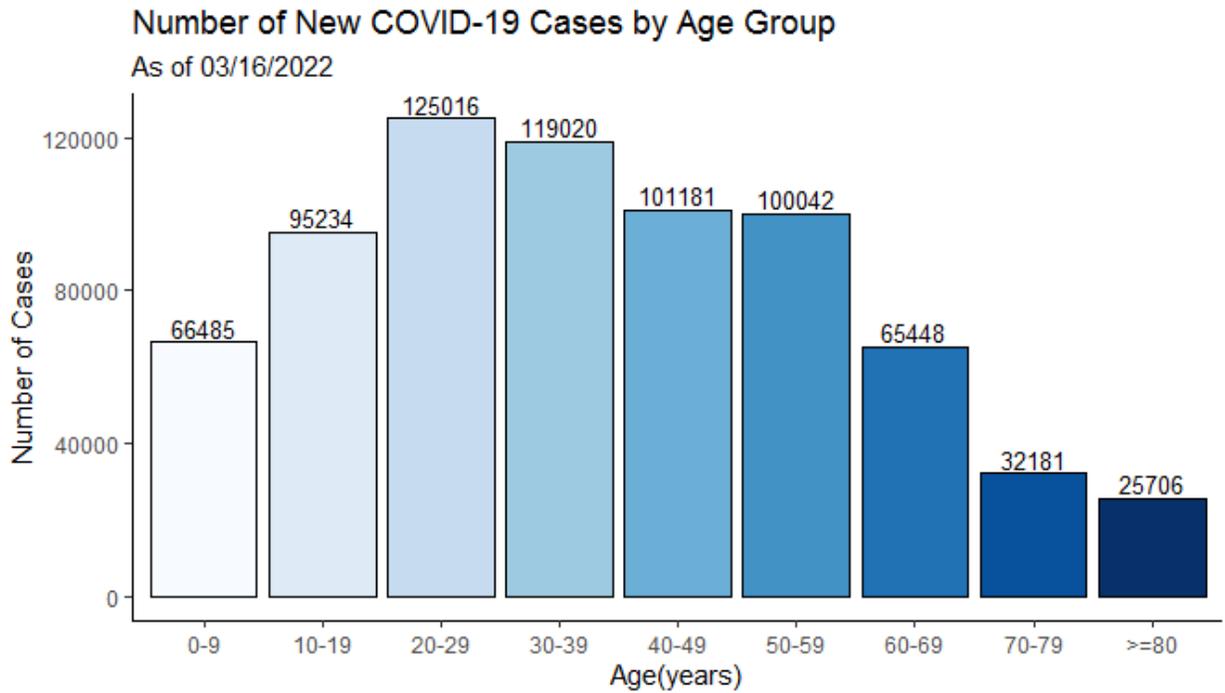
Number of Antigen Tests for COVID-19 Reported via ELR
Weekly test total by Specimen Collection Date
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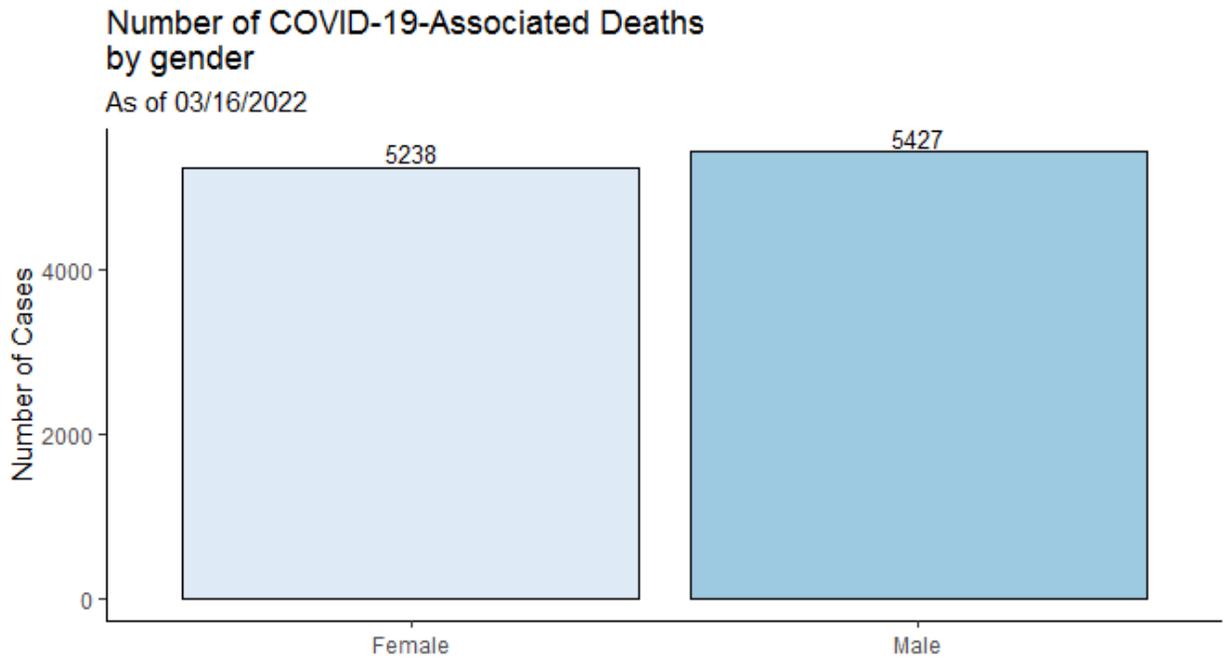
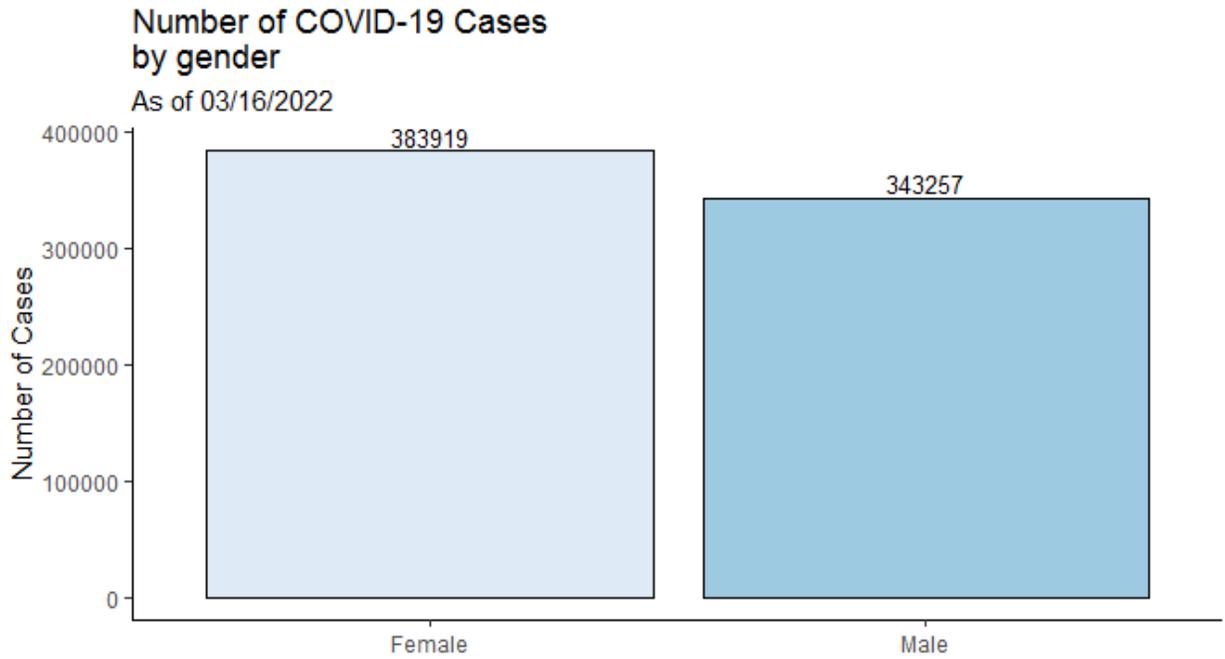
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Characteristics of COVID-19 Cases and Associated Deaths

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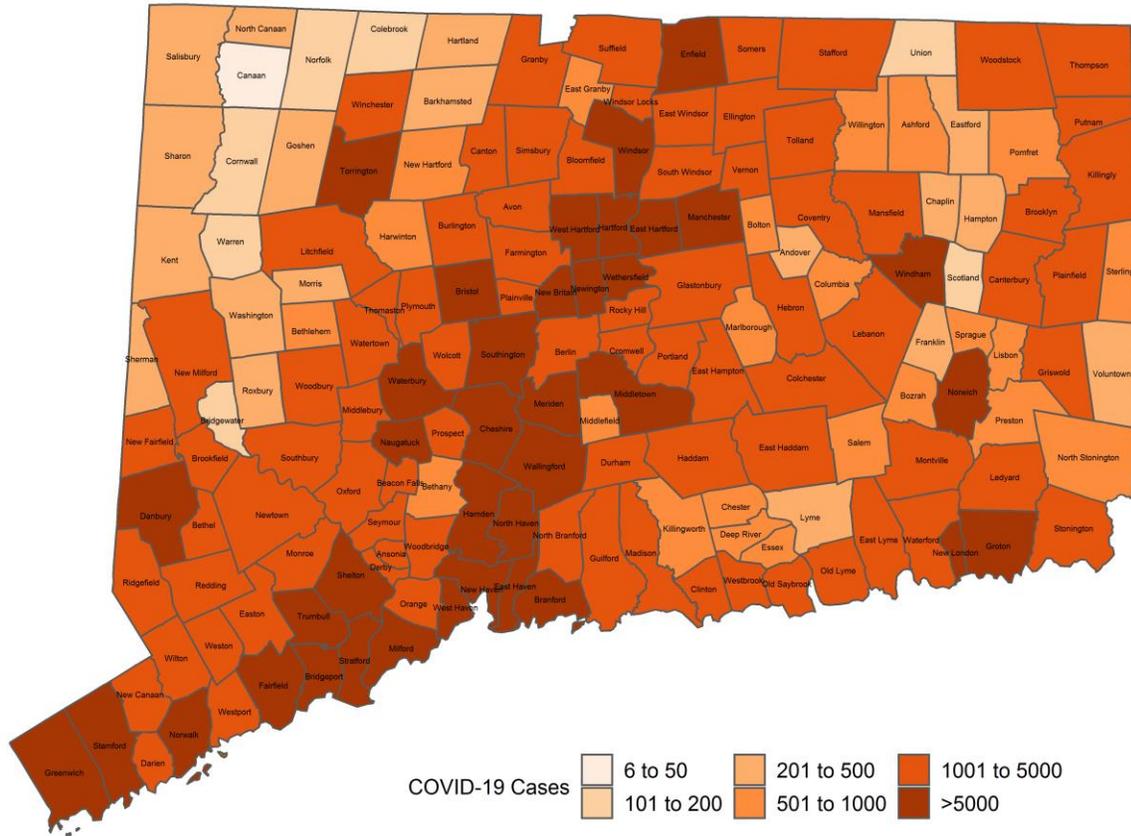


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Cumulative Number of COVID-19 Cases by Town

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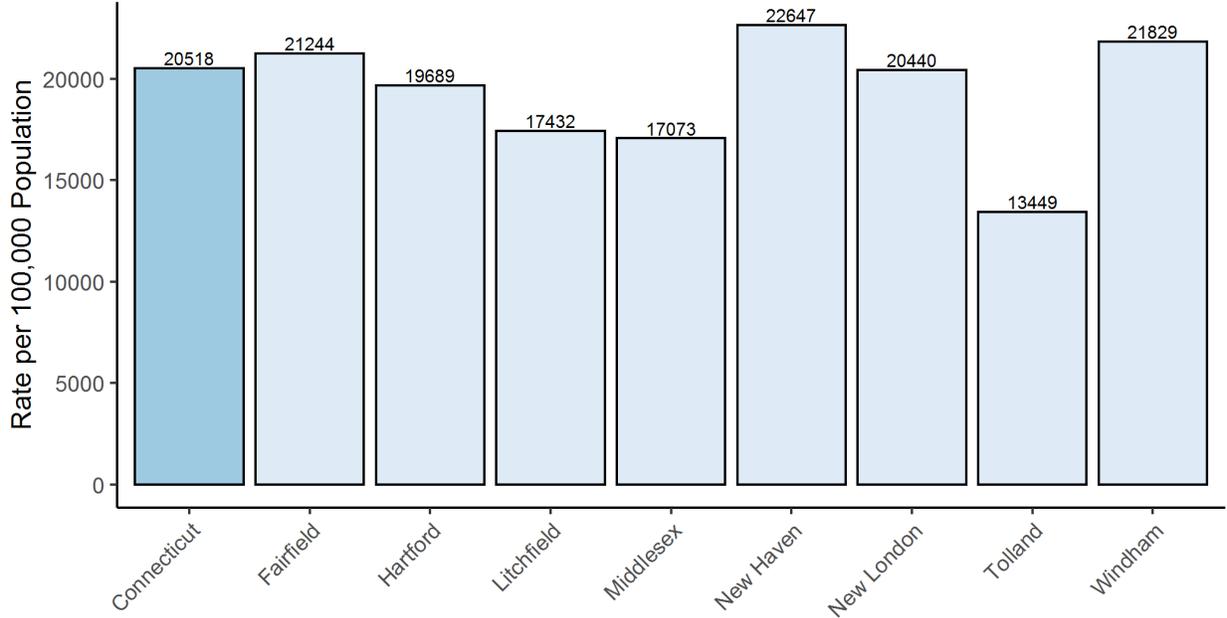


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APPENDIX A. The following graphs show the number of cases per 100,000 Connecticut residents statewide and by county, age group, and gender. Population estimate from: [DPH Population Statistics](#)

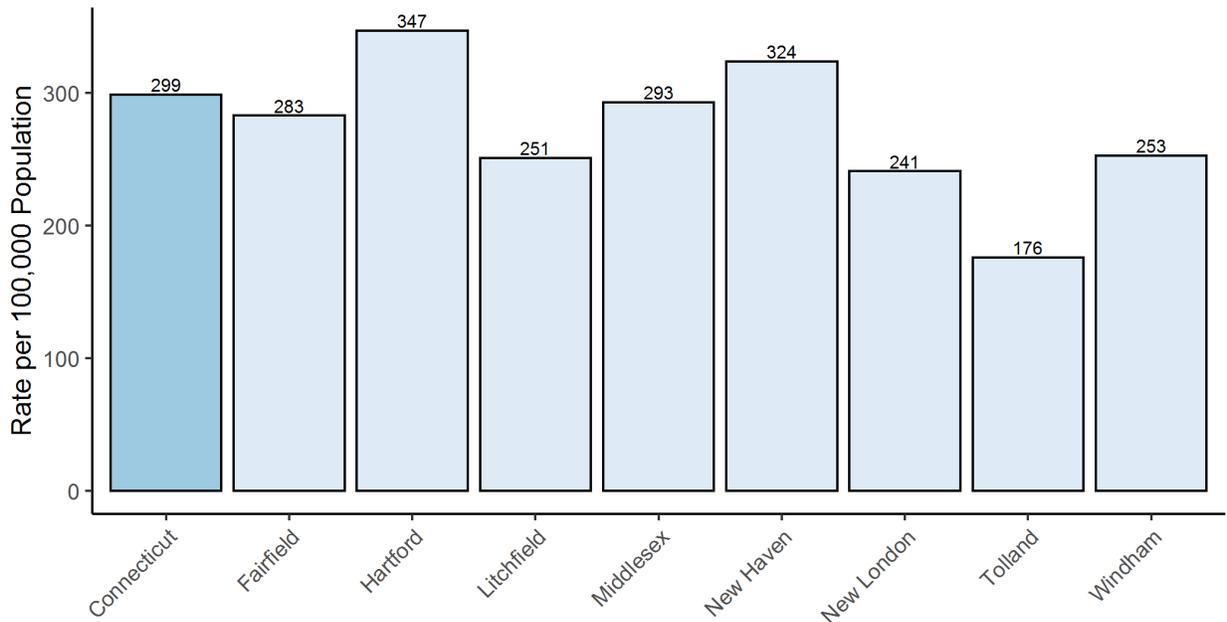
Rate of COVID-19 Cases Statewide and by County

As of 03/16/2022



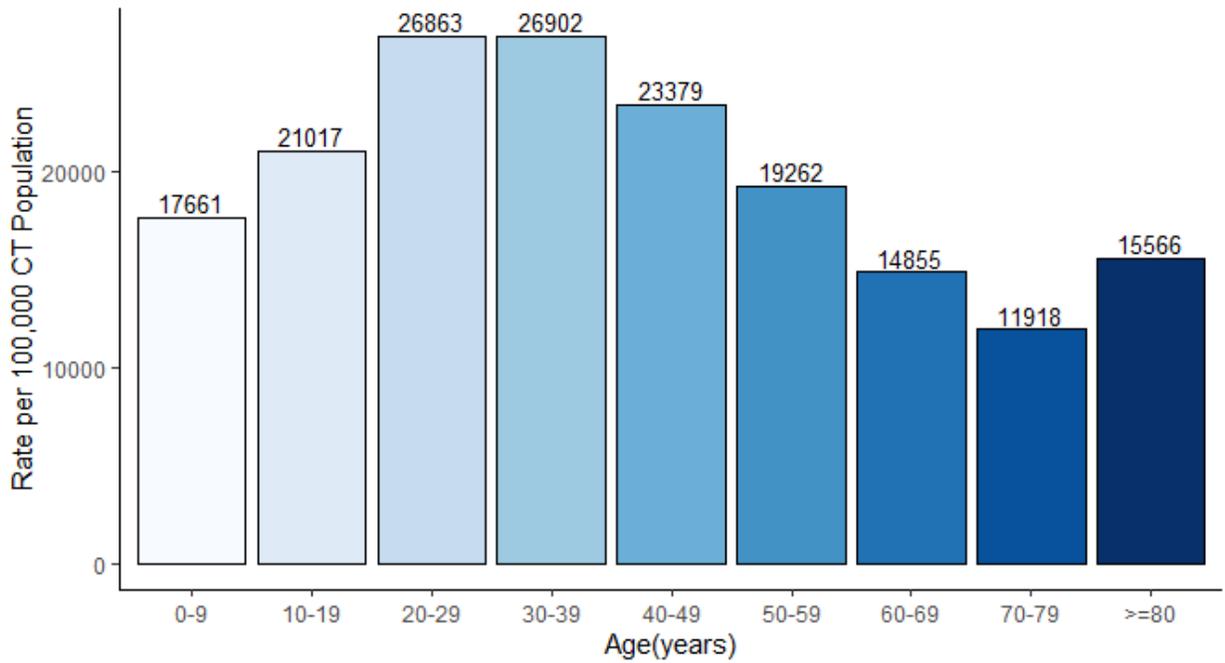
Rate of COVID-19-Associated Deaths Statewide and by County

As of 03/16/2022



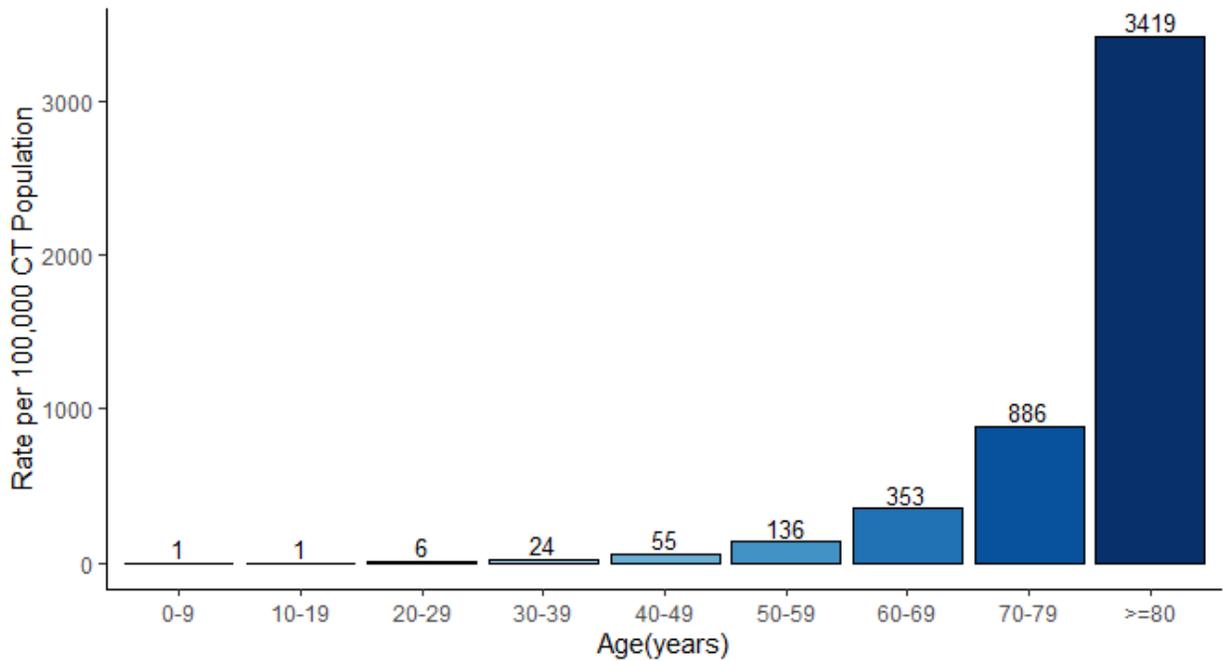
Rate of COVID-19 Cases by Age Group

As of 03/16/2022



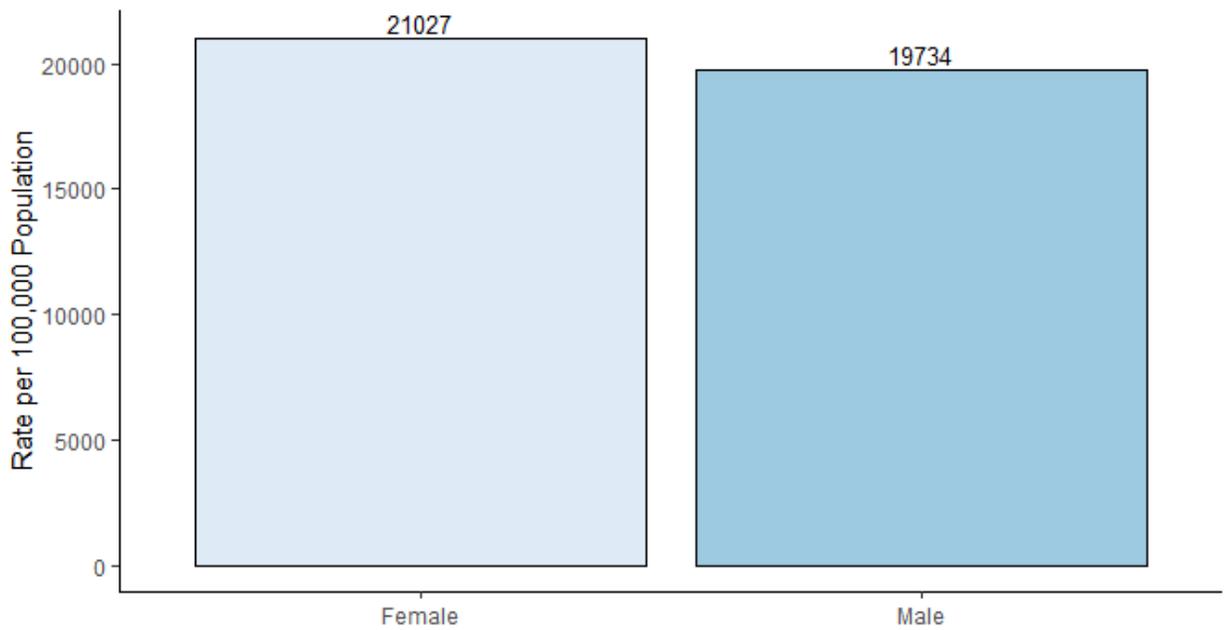
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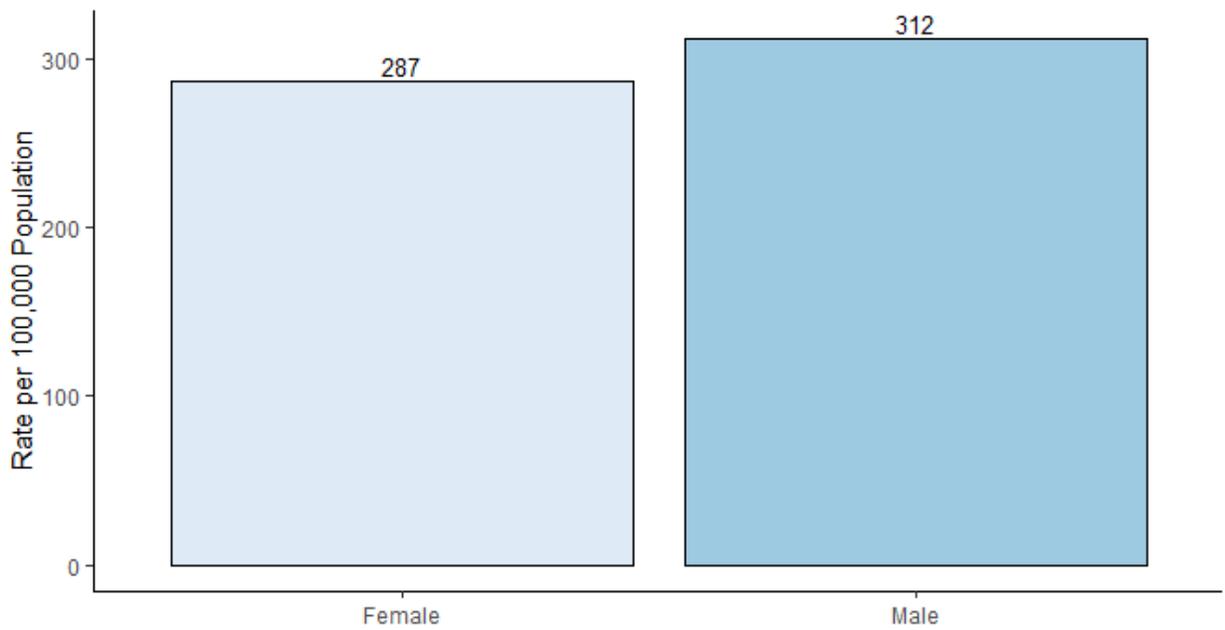
Rate of COVID-19 Cases by Gender

As of 03/16/2022

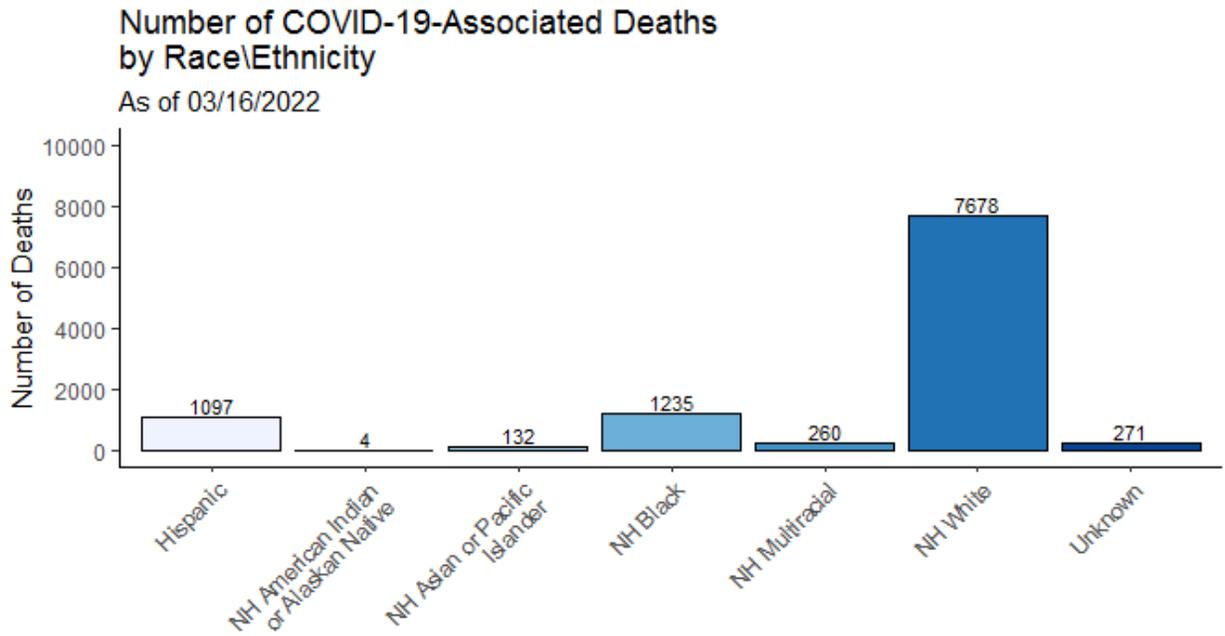
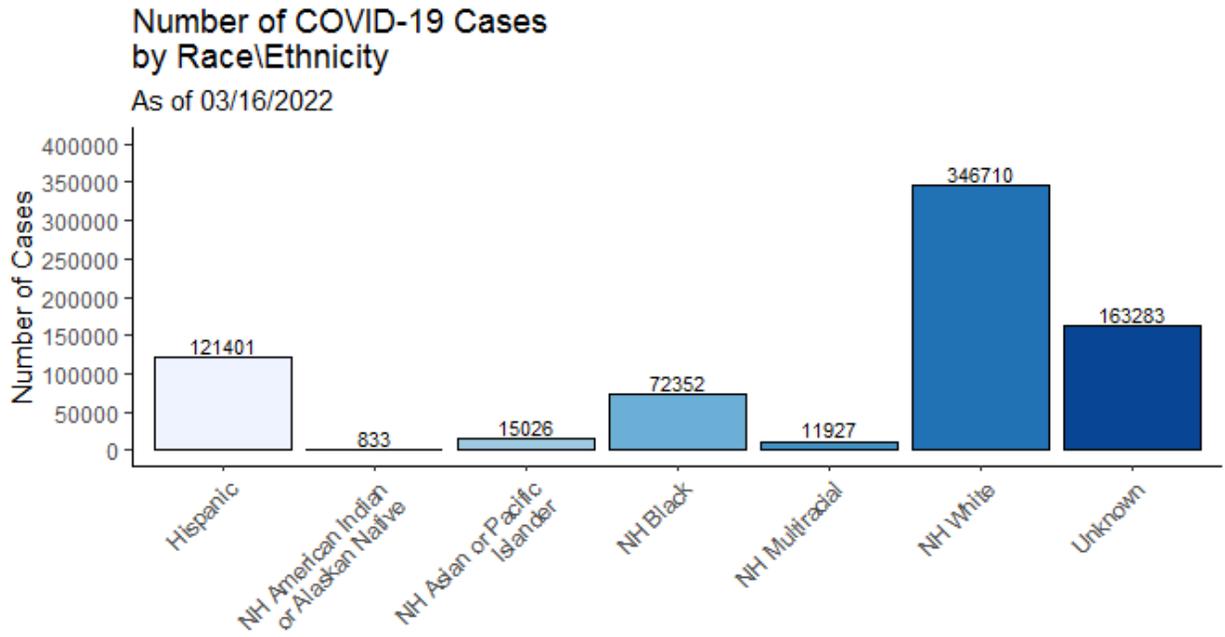


Rate of COVID-19-Associated Deaths by Gender

As of 03/16/2022

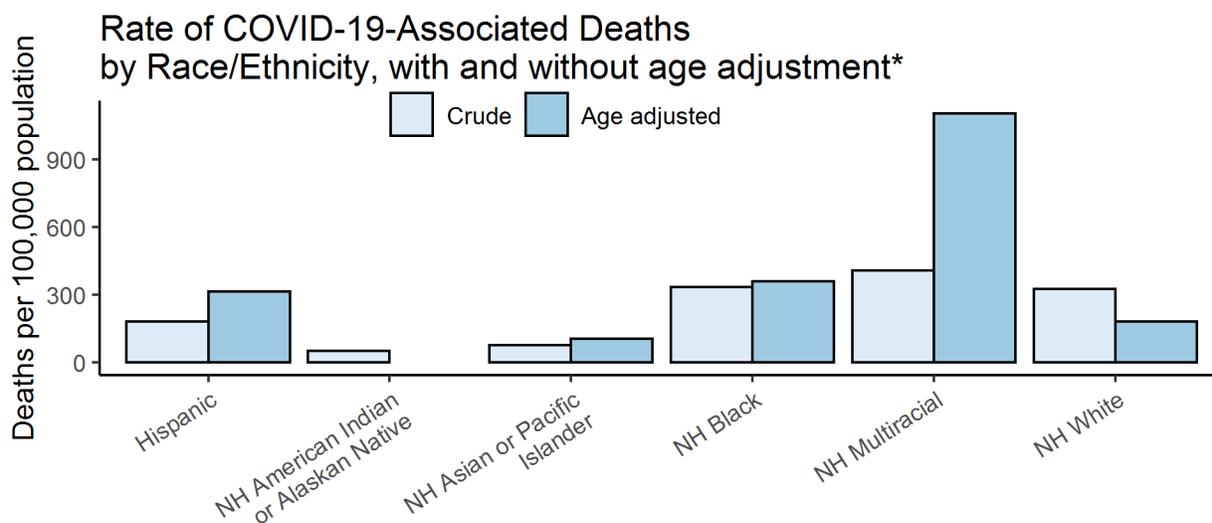
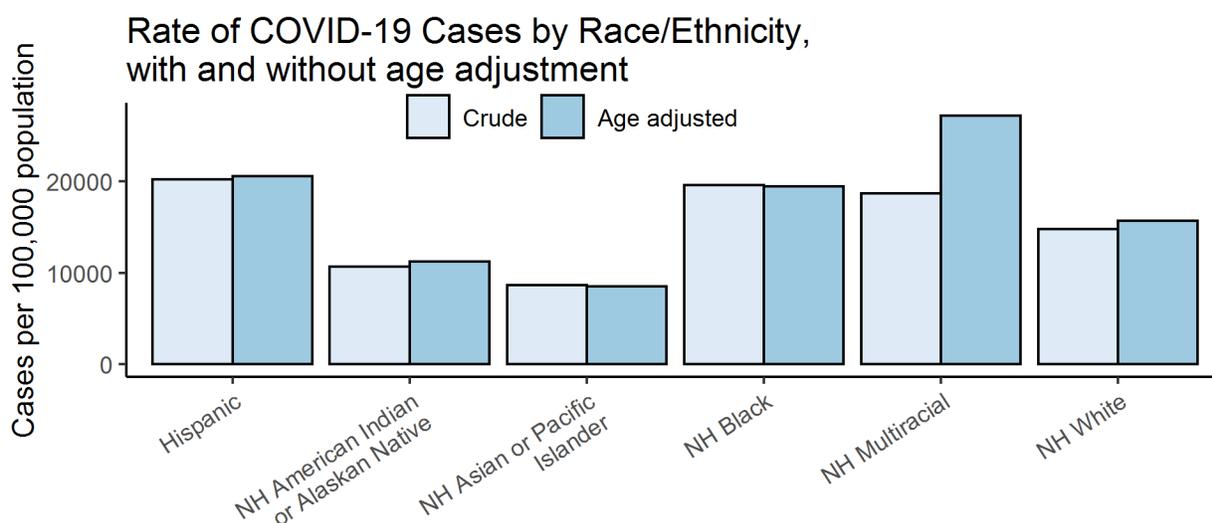


APPENDIX B. The following graphs show the number of cases and deaths by race and ethnicity. Categories are mutually exclusive. The category “multiracial” includes people who answered ‘yes’ to more than one race category. NH=Non-Hispanic



The following graphs show the number of COVID-19 cases and COVID-19-associated deaths per 100,000 population by race and ethnicity. Crude rates represent the total cases or deaths per 100,000 people. Age-adjusted rates consider the age of the person at diagnosis or death when estimating the rate and use a standardized population to provide a fair comparison between population groups with different age distributions. Age-adjustment is important in Connecticut as the median age of among the non-Hispanic white population is 47 years, whereas it is 34 years among non-Hispanic blacks, and 29 years among Hispanics. Because most non-Hispanic white residents who died were over 75 years of age, the age-adjusted rates are lower than the unadjusted rates. In contrast, Hispanic residents who died tend to be younger than 75 years of age which results in higher age-adjusted rates.

The 2018 Connecticut and 2000 US Standard Million populations were used for age adjustment; population estimates from: [DPH Population Statistics](#). Categories are mutually exclusive. Cases missing data on race/ethnicity are excluded from calculation of rates. NH=Non-Hispanic



*Age adjusted rates only calculated for groups with at least 30 deaths